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## No truth in online sex attack rumours, say police

By Dean Kilpatrick

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OFFICERS have had to refute claims of further sex attacks in the borough after rumours started to circulate on social media sites.

Speculation about further reports of serious incidents have been discussed online following two attacks this year.

A dog walker was sexually attacked earlier this month. It followed a similar incident in the Millennium Community Wood on June 29, when a 17-year-old girl was attacked.

Both incidents are being linked, and the investigation is ongoing.

However, Kent Police has taken the unusual measure of

confirming that no further reports have been made since the attack on September 6.

District commander for Ashford, Chief Inspector Hayley Spedding said: "I am aware of the continuing concern being expressed on social media sites about sexual attacks in Ashford but can confirm police have had no further reports of this nature since September 6.

"I would like to reassure the public that everything is being done to trace the offender for these attacks."

Chief Inspector Spedding asked people to continue to consider their safety whilst walking in secluded areas.

If you have any information about the attacks, contact Kent Police on 101.



**COLLISION:** Four lorries were involved in the incident by junction 10 of the M20 on Thursday

### TRAVEL

## CRASH CAUSES CHAOS

OFFICERS are keen to find out how a four lorry collision which shut out of the M20 for most of Thursday happened.

The vehicles were involved in a crash last Thursday near junction 10 at around midnight and caused traffic chaos.

Two lorry drivers were taken to the William Harvey Hospital with serious injuries, and Kent Police and Highways Agency officers spent the day cleaning debris from the road.

Inspector Geoff Wood said: "We are working to establish exactly what happened to cause this collision.

"There has been significant disruption for drivers, due to the recovery of the four lorries, including two having to be unloaded before they could be moved."

Anyone with information about the incident which closed an area of motorway should call Kent Police on 01622 798538.

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### ACCIDENT

## Woman dies in collision

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after the passenger in a car which smashed into the back of a recovery lorry died in hospital.

The crash happened on the A28 at Godmersham at 3.35pm on Saturday.

Those with information should call 01622 798538.

### COMMUNITY

## Take part in Halloween

ACTORS are being sought for a special Halloween performance.

Organisers at the Rare Breeds Centre in Woodchurch are look for over 16s to portray ghosts and demons for their show in October.

Visit [www.rarebreeds.org.uk](http://www.rarebreeds.org.uk) to find out more.

### EVENT

## Advice to grow fruit and veg

A SESSION of fruit and vegetable growing advice is to be held on Saturday.

The workshop, which will be held at Godinton House & Gardens, takes place between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

For more details, call 01233 643854.

### ENVIRONMENT

## Fly-tipping surge fears as waste centre shuts for six months

COUNCIL bosses are playing down fears that the six-month closure of a household waste and recycling centre will increase fly-tipping in the borough.

The facility in Brunswick Road will be shut to the public to allow expansion plans to be carried out to ensure the site meets future demand.

However, there are fears the temporary closure will lead to an increase in

people disposing of their waste illegally, with the two nearest facilities based in Folkestone and Canterbury.

But Kent County Council, which runs the centre, insists more rubbish will not be dumped on the streets.

KCC director of waste resource management Caroline Arnold said: "Whilst the Ashford site is closed, we do not expect to see an increase in fly-tipping.

"When we have closed sites in the past for re-development, we haven't seen an increase in fly-tipping, and fully expect our customers to travel to the nearest alternative sites to dispose of their waste legally and responsibly."

Population levels in the borough are expected to increase by 33 per cent between now and 2026, and the six month expansion is being developed

to ensure the facility can cope with such a boom.

Cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, Bryan Sweetland, said: "Waste management continues to evolve and improve in Kent and carrying out these changes in Ashford now will ensure customers have improved access to waste recycling facilities for the future."

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## FOOD

# Bee-ware, cost of honey is set to rocket as wet weather hits hives

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THE PRICE of honey produced in Kent is set to soar after bee-keepers experienced one of the worst crops in recent history.

Honey production is down by up to 60 per cent in some cases due to the wettest summer in 100 years. It means 1lb in weight of the sticky substance could rocket to £6.50 by Christmas – compared to £4.50 today.

The price is set to rise as a result of the shortage, which will see bee-keepers feed their insects with an increased amount of syrup over the winter months to try and keep them alive.

But there are also fears queen bees may not be strong enough to survive the cold months after suffering a poor mating season.

Peter Hutton from Tonbridge, who has been bee-keeping for 53 years, called this year's honey production "dreadful" and said the weather has had an impact on keepers all over Britain.

He said: "It's not just county-wide, it's countrywide. The bees weren't building up until May, and this affected the line of nectar."

"It's a difficult time for bee-keepers, and everyone is affected without the general public realising, but they will realise when it hits their pockets."

Mr Hutton believes his crop is down 40 per cent compared



to last year, and said bad weather and the use of pesticides were having a negative effect on honey production.

He added: "The price will only increase to a ceiling where people can afford it, so the well-off will be alright but the rest won't."

The honey shortage comes at a time when apple crops are down 20 per cent compared to last year, and other farmers are struggling with the adverse weather conditions experienced earlier this year.

Fellow bee-keeper Alasdair Bruce, who does not sell his honey, has also expressed concern about the production and called 2012 the "worst I have

ever experienced".

Mr Bruce, from Margate, said: "Normally, you get a spring flow which really gets the hive in action with high levels of production, but what has happened this year is the whole cycle has been affected by the downturn."

He added there may be a shortage of honey until the next growing period starts: "Most of the beekeepers, if they have a good year, will put some honey aside to make sure they are covered for the lean spells, but shops don't understand it's a finite resource."

"The feedback I'm getting is that people think bee-keepers are making a huge profit,

when, in reality, if shops require the honey, we have to buy supplies to keep our bees."

It is hoped production could return to normal – weather permitting – next year.

## NOT SO SWEET:

Bee-keepers are concerned for their hives

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ➔ John Major at festival

FORMER Prime Minister Sir John Major will be one of the authors appearing at this year's Folkestone Book Festival. Also attending the event, which runs from November 2-10, will be poet Pam Ayres, TV presenter Judy Finnegan, Paul McCartney's daughter Mary, novelist Sandra Howard, and economic historian Robert Skidelsky. The event is organised by the Creative Foundation, and for a programme and to book tickets online, go to folkestonebookfest.com.

### ➔ Tory MP's energy job

THANET Tory MP Laura Sandys has been appointed as a Parliamentary Private Secretary at the Department for Energy and Climate Change. She will act as minister Greg Barker's contact in Commons and to help gauge backbench opinion on environmental issues.

She is already a member of the energy and climate change select committee, and worked in the energy sector for 20 years before her election in 2010.

### ➔ See 'hidden' cathedral

THERE is a rare chance to see behind the scenes at Canterbury Cathedral when it hosts a free open evening on Tuesday, October 9. Entitled Hidden Heroes, Past and Present, visitors will be guided on a journey of discovery to learn how unseen hands have kept the cathedral safe in times of disaster and delight. There will be a number of tours, choral and organ demonstrations, exhibitions, and displays.

## EDUCATION

## GCSE changes will be 'nonsense'

MOVES to replace the current GCSE exams with a baccalaureate system have come under fire by an education expert who says the "passing and failing" culture must stop.

Secretary of the Kent division of the National Union for Teachers, John Walder, accused education secretary Michael Gove of simply wanting to return to the "good old days", adding that he had little understanding of the education system.

Mr Gove is looking to replace GCSEs in core subjects with a qualification called the English Baccalaureate Certificate (EBacc), starting with English, maths, and science, in 2017.

He said it was "time to tackle grade inflation and dumbing down" and "time to raise aspirations and restore rigour in exams".

But Mr Walder called it "nonsense".

"Michael Gove's speech was one cliché after another," he said. "He says this is a baccalaureate, it's not. What he's doing is re-writing the school certificate and higher certificate from the 1950s – which didn't work."

"We've got to get away from this passing or failing culture. We need to give children the incentive to show their ability. We need to forget

about A, B, Cs and exams that don't measure what children can do. The focus is too much on passing or failing."

He added: "(EBacc) might not even come in as the plan is they would be introduced in 2017, but there's a general election before that."

While Mr Walder criticised the shake-up, Kent County Council said it welcomed moves to look at the current exam system.

Tory cabinet member for education Cllr Mike Whiting said: "Michael Gove's commitment to strengthening qualifications for 15 and 16-year-olds, and making sure children get the best education, is very welcome."

"We need to make sure children have the strongest qualifications and best chance to compete – nationally and internationally."

"At KCC, we will be looking carefully at the details and talking to teachers and headteachers to see how we can make the most useful contribution to the consultation and planning ahead of 2015, when we expect the proposal to be put in place."

Fears have been raised that the EBacc could see less academically gifted pupils leave school without any qualifications.

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## HERITAGE

# War memorial unveiled as search begins for relatives of fallen heroes

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IT has taken 25 years, and an anonymous donation of £15,000, but next month a new war memorial – commemorating the fallen heroes of World War One – will be finally unveiled.

And now the hunt is on for relatives of those remembered to attend the dedication ceremony.

The original memorial outside the Holy Trinity Church in Milton Regis was destroyed by the Great Storm of 1987 which wreaked havoc across the county. Since then, all that remained was a stump of stone from the original and a rose bush, planted to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

To make amends, six years ago efforts began in earnest to construct a new memorial. But as fundraising efforts by the Milton Regis War Memorial committee stepped up the economy took a nose-dive, and earlier this year those behind the idea prepared to shelve their existing plans and downsize.

But after its plight was highlighted in the Sunday Telegraph earlier this year, a generous mystery donor sent the campaign a cheque which covered nearly half of the £35,000 total cost.

This allowed campaigners to finally get the memorial plans under way. And on October 13 a special dedication ceremony will take place for one of the few new memorials built in the UK.

Cllr Adam Tolhurst is a member of the committee and the Labour representative for Milton

Regis on Swale Borough Council. He explained: "We still don't know who the person who donated the money was, but without them we were going to have to scale down our plans to a cheaper and smaller design.

"It's not often anywhere in the country has a new memorial, so we are delighted.

"Fundraising had been the issue. Quite understandably, people have been giving any spare money they have to charities which can immediately help people. Our donor saved the day.

"What we really want now is to appeal to anyone who thinks their relatives were on the memorial to join us next month for the service."

However, the original copper plaque, rescued from the rubble of the destroyed memorial will not be returning.

It was moved to Sittingbourne with plans to return it when the new memorial was complete, but fears cold-hearted crooks would swipe it means the names will instead appear engraved on Welsh black slate instead.

"It looks stunning," explained Cllr Tolhurst. "It has been crafted in Portland Stone and is a fitting tribute to those who have fallen."

The memorial was designed and built by Elliott Brotherton, a well-respected stone mason who lives in New Romney, and has a studio in Rye.

**■ Do you believe your loved ones may be named on the memorial? If so, email [chris.britcher@archant.co.uk](mailto:chris.britcher@archant.co.uk) and we'll put you in touch with the memorial committee.**



REMEMBRANCE: War memorial is finally in place

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Celine riles neighbours

A NOISY neighbour who blared out tracks by Celine Dion and Chris de Burgh has seen his stereo confiscated. Medway Council acted after reports of loud music causing a nuisance at the home of Mark Sigston, 31, in Quinell Street, Rainham. It is the second time he has been trouble, after deafening neighbours with Katy Perry and Pink. Sigston admitted three charges of breaching a noise abatement order. He got a 12-month conditional discharge and must pay £1,100 costs.

## ➔ 007 ready to shoot by

JAMES Bond legend Sir Roger Moore is heading to Kent next month as part of a promotional tour for his new book. The actor will be at Waterstones in Bluewater on October 13 at 3pm, signing copies of his book Bond on Bond. Moore played 007 for 12 years, starring in Live and Let Die; The Man with the Golden Gun; The Spy Who Loved Me; Moonraker; For Your Eyes Only; Octopussy; and A View to a Kill. He first found fame in the television series The Saint.

## ➔ Fewer victims of crime

CRIME in Kent has fallen for the sixth year in a row despite cutbacks in policing. Figures show there are 3,845 fewer victims of crime, with Kent Police achieving six of 10 performance targets. Violent crime, criminal damage and vehicle crime are down, and a record number of people are satisfied by the service. However, the authority missed its targets of overall policing satisfaction, an increase of the amount of crime and violent crime detected.

## HEALTH

# Brain bug warning to students

YOUNGSTERS flying the nest to embark on university courses are being urged to be on the look out for the potentially fatal brain bug meningitis.

The disease can be particularly virulent among those living in close proximity to other people, and can kill in less than four hours unless treated.

Parents and relatives are now being urged to ensure students are alive to the risks and make themselves aware of the symptoms, which are often overlooked as bearing the same hallmarks of a hangover or too many late nights.

Last week, thousands of students headed off to universities across the UK – including the numerous campuses in Kent – with many living in shared accommodation.

Teenagers and students are the second most at-risk group, behind children under five, and it is estimated 30 per cent of young people carry the organism which can spark meningitis.

Colum McGuire is vice president of welfare of the



**BE SAFE:** The MMR vaccination is recommended for students

Kent Union, the students' body for the University of Kent.

He explained: "When you have so many young people meeting from all over the world, it's bound to be more prevalent. The main issue is the symptoms are the same as a hangover, that's why it's important to get the message out. We put little cards in our welcome packs and we also get our radio station to go through the symptoms."

Signs include headaches, vomiting, feeling stiff, and a dislike of bright lights.

However, many students wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical

attention, which can lower the chances of dealing with the disease successfully.

Chief executive of the Meningitis Trust, Sue Davie, said: "We urge everyone to familiarise themselves with the symptoms, trust their instincts and get urgent help if concerned. This could save a life."

Every year, 3,400 cases of meningitis are reported in the UK, killing 10 per cent of those with the disease.

Parents are also urged to check their child has had the MMR vaccination to eliminate the risk of an outbreak of mumps and measles.

The two viruses also frequently take hold in universities, and undergraduates are asked to check if they have been vaccinated.

Consultant in public health medicine for NHS Kent and Medway, Dr Faiza Khan, said: "Measles and mumps can spread rapidly and be very unpleasant. If they need the MMR vaccine, they should arrange this when they register with a doctor."

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## HORTICULTURE

# Community spirit brings home In Bloom trophies

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THE Garden of England has been showered with praise at the annual South and South East in Bloom.

Despite the efforts of the weather to wash away the enthusiasm of even the keenest gardeners, several areas took good prizes, including Tunbridge Wells with gold in the large town category.

The awards were announced in front of a packed crowd at a ceremony at Ferneham Hall in Fareham, Hampshire.

BBC TV gardener Chris Collins presented the main winners with engraved glass trophies, and gave certificates to all other entrants.

Organisers said the contest encourages residents and businesses to work together to improve their environment, making it greener and cleaner and a pleasure to live in, work in and visit.

Gravesend town centre won a silver gilt for the second time, and Gravesend council leader



Picture: PAUL JERREAT

**GOLDEN:** Dunorlan Park in Tunbridge Wells was one of the county's many In Bloom award winners

Cllr John Burden said: "Once again Gravesend has connected with its community, especially the business community, to produce an award-winning performance. Gratifying as the award is, never forget that the flowers brighten our town for

everyone, resident and visitor. "Possibly it has never been a more important year to show the place at its best."

Tunbridge Wells won several awards and Cllr Ronen Basu said: "It is wonderful for the town to have been given these

awards and confirms what people tell me when they say they think the town looks very beautiful. This is a prestigious competition and we should be proud of our achievements."

Ian Cameron-Fleming is senior outdoor leisure officer at Canterbury council, and he said: "The In Bloom campaigns are about recognising great gardening skills to make towns and cities attractive places to work live and visit, showing that people care about the environment, and more importantly getting people involved in looking after their environment."

"It is a delight for the district to have achieved these awards, in recognition of the local In Bloom campaigns, and in particular acknowledging individuals who put in a lot of work and effort to make it happen."

## THE COUNTY'S WINNERS

**Small city** Canterbury – silver

**Large town** Tunbridge Wells – gold and winner; Faversham – silver gilt; Sittingbourne – silver

**Town centre** Gravesend – silver gilt

**Small town** Cranbrook – silver gilt and winner; Queenborough and Rushenden – commended

**Coastal with population of 25,001–100,000** Herne Bay – silver gilt and winner

**Large village** Eynsford – silver gilt; Five Oak Green – silver gilt; Southfleet – bronze

**Village** Doddington – silver and winner

**It's Your Neighbourhood** Establishing commendations for

Anthony Roper Primary School in Eynsford; Full Frontal, Castle Avenue and Clarence Road, Rochester; Full Frontal All Saints in Chatham; Oxenden Square, Herne Bay; River ward Full Frontal Gardens, Rochester; High Street, Rochester; Staplehurst Natural Planting Group; and Tyson Road Residents Association, Folkestone.

Developing commendations for Churchyard Garden of Remembrance, Five Oak Green; Full Frontal Clive Road, Rochester; Inverary Court, Community Garden and Allotment, Ramsgate; Kent Enterprise Trust, Herne Bay; Streamwalk Community Garden, Herne

Bay; and Waterloo Road, Cranbrook.

Thriving commendations for Forge Orchard, Cranbrook; Friends of Bromhill, Rochester; Friends of Prospect Field, Whitstable; Friends of Rede Common, Strood; Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury; Mad Hatters Gang, Cranbrook; and Westcliff Conservation and Community Association, Ramsgate.

Outstanding commendations for Capel Diamond Jubilee Community Orchard, Five Oak Green; and Full Frontal, Rochester.

**Conservation area**

Eynsford Millfield Trust, Eynsford – silver gilt

**Country park** Brockhill Country Park, Hythe – gold; Lullingstone Country Park, Eynsford – gold; Trosley Country Park, Meopham – silver gilt

**Large park** Dunorlan Park, Tunbridge Wells – gold; War Memorial Park, Herne Bay silver gilt

**Small park** The Vines, Rochester – silver gilt

**Heritage parks and gardens** Reculver Country Park, Herne Bay – gold and winner

**Large cemetery** Herne Bay Cemetery – silver gilt Beat the drought: Maureen Leah and Linda Page, Cranbrook in Bloom

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## HIGHWAYS

# Government to levy foreign lorry tax at last – but we won't get a penny

By Marijke Cox

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DAMAGED roads, hellish congestion and lay-bys used as toilets – but still Kent won't see a penny of foreign lorry tax to help tackle ongoing problems on our roads.

In what is a slap in the face for Kent County Council, the Government has continually refused to agree to part with any of the £23 million expected to be generated by the incoming foreign haulier charges.

This is despite Kent bearing the brunt of foreign lorries, with 87 per cent of all international road haulage coming into the UK through Dover and the Channel Tunnel.

Newly appointed transport secretary Patrick McLoughlin announced that foreign lorry drivers using UK roads will be charged £10 a day in a bid to "level the playing field" for British hauliers.

Currently, those coming from overseas contribute nothing, while UK drivers must pay tolls on the Continent.

Foreign lorry drivers also fill up on cheaper fuel abroad.

County Hall chiefs welcomed the incoming charges, but demanded the Treasury invest some of the money back

into Kent to repair roads and fund major transport projects.

KCC has long campaigned for the introduction of such a tax due to the continual damage to roads, lay-bys used as toilets and stopovers for drivers, and congestion caused by Operation Stack – when lorries are parked on the M20 during disruption at the ports.

Hundreds of crashes have also occurred over the years involving foreign lorry drivers.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "We created the scheme to charge foreign lorries for using Kent's roads a number of years ago. At the moment they contribute nothing to the damage they cause."

"A significant amount of money can now be raised. But this additional income must be invested in maintaining and improving our road network."

"Kent currently suffers all the disadvantages of being the UK's main transport corridor to Europe but enjoys none of the benefits. We want assurances the extra revenue generated by lorry charging goes to fixing the damage caused by foreign trucks."

Cllr Carter said as well as maintaining the roads, the foreign lorry charge should fund key infrastructure improvements, such as a lorry park to solve the

problem of Operation Stack; a third Thames Crossing; and improvements to the A2/M2 and M20.

The authority has also called for better facilities for drivers after horror stories were revealed earlier this year of drivers caught going to the toilet in people's gardens while parked up overnight by the A20 near Westwell in Ashford.

Draft legislation will be published next month, with the fees introduced before the next general election in 2015. Charges could amount to as much as £1,000 a year per vehicle.

Mr McLoughlin said the proposals will deliver a vital shot in the arm to the UK haulage industry.

"It is simply not right that foreign lorries do not pay to use our roads, when our trucks invariably have to fork out when travelling to the Continent."

"By introducing charges we will create a level playing field, increasing UK competitiveness and boosting growth."

The Treasury and Department for Transport told this newspaper there are no plans to hand any of the generated funds to Kent.

• **For an opinion from Kent County Council's cabinet member for transport Cllr Bryan Sweetland on the issue, turn to page 32.**



**AROUND THE BEND:** Some 87 per cent of all international road haulage arriving in the UK comes through Kent

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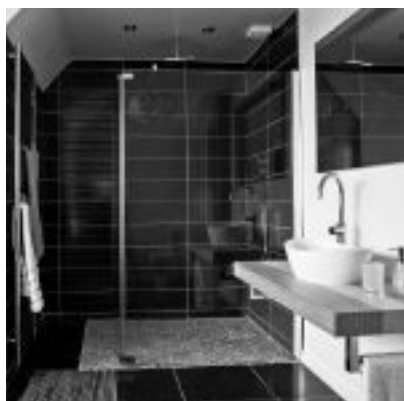
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**WELL FED:**  
Food lovers are certain to find something to tempt them at Broadstairs Food Festival

## FESTIVAL

# Tuck into a weekend of delicious food, drink and great live music

By Marijke Cox

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THOUSANDS are set to descend on east Kent next month for the return of the popular Broadstairs Food Festival.

Opening on Tuesday, October 2, the gastronomic event promises an array of culinary treats and a food fair with more than 100 stalls lined up.

A gala dinner kicks things off at East Kent College's Bayside Restaurant, with students showcasing their cooking skills for diners.

As festival sponsor for the fourth year, the college is supported with produce supplied by Broadstairs High Street traders.

A three-day food fair festival in Victoria Gardens and Promenade is being held on Friday and Saturday, October 5-6 from 10am-6pm, and on Sunday, October 7 from 10am-5pm, with free entry every day.

The event is sponsored by Archant KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper.

Promising a long weekend of food and cooking demonstrations, visitors will get to sample some of the best of local and county produce.

New to the 2012 festival is a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the main food court marquee from 10am on the Saturday, with prizes for the oldest, smallest, cuddliest and best-dressed bears.

Last year more than 50,000 people enjoyed the festival, but organisers say there is even more on offer this year with more than 100 stalls to tempt visitors.

New offerings include freshly-seared scallops, pasta, and stir-fries from Globe and Rainbow; cocktails, canapés and loose-leaf teas; hot and cold food served all day; and the Farmhouse Pop Up Kitchen.

In partnership with Thorley Taverns, the festival is also offering a weekend of live music at The Broadstairs Pavilion.

Much-loved local band Hullabaloo will be performing on Friday, October 5, followed by X Factor star Ben Mills and his band on the Saturday night.

Doors open at 7pm and a wristband for the whole weekend is priced at £5, with proceeds supporting the festival, which is a community-funded event backed by residents and local businesses.

Visitors are invited to pop coins in the collecting buckets or to buy a lottery ticket to ensure the continuation of the family-friendly event.

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## CRIME

**Convicted for web chat about child sex abuse**

A GROUNDBREAKING legal case has seen a computer engineer sentenced to a suspended jail term after graphically describing the sexual abuse of children during a private online chat.

Gavin Morris Smith, 41, previously known as Gavin Seagers, from Boleyn Way in Swanscombe, became a legal first in Kent after a successful prosecution for online chat offences under the Obscene Publications Act. It was the first case involving online conversations that Kent Police has brought before the courts.

He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, at Maidstone Crown Court, and received an order to be supervised by the Probation Service for two years. He was originally charged in 2010 with nine offences, committed in November, 2009, of publishing an obscene communication.

A trial at Maidstone Crown Court in November, 2011, saw the jury was discharged following legal arguments. However, this was successfully appealed by Kent Police and the Crown Prosecution Service in February this year.

It was agreed from the ruling at the Royal Court of Appeal in London that online chat could be included within the Obscene Publications Act.

The case was returned to Maidstone Crown Court where, in July, Smith pleaded guilty to nine offences of publishing obscene material.

Det Insp David Shipley from the public protection unit at Kent Police said: "Smith was engaging in online chat, encouraging and minimising the issue of child abuse.

"As a result of this case, the Obscene Publications Act of 1959 can be used for online offences where people engage in such fantasy chat. These people should not consider themselves beyond the reach of the law."



**TURBULENCE:** London mayor Boris Johnson has angered many in Kent with his determined efforts to promote a new hub airport for the Thames estuary

## CAMPAIGN

**Boris's deputy heading to lion's den for airport visit**

By Marijke Cox

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COUNCIL chiefs in Medway are gearing up for a meeting with Deputy Mayor of London Victoria Borwick who will visit next month to discuss the controversial Thames Estuary airport.

Ironically, the senior Tory, who was appointed in May, spoke publicly last year in favour of a rail link between Heathrow and Gatwick – instead of a Thames Estuary airport.

"It will be interesting to see what her view is

**VISITOR:**

Deputy Mayor of London Victoria Borwick has spoken out against an estuary airport

want to talk to Mrs Borwick and invite her to see the proposed sites for the airport, and see what her reaction is."

Last year, Mrs Borwick, a member of the Greater London Authority's transport committee and former Tory party treasurer, put forward a proposal for 'Heathwick' – a high-speed rail system linking the existing Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

Writing in a blog last year, she said: "Unfortunately we have put off a serious discussion about the inadequacies of our present airport provision for too long.

"We should have been confronting these strategic decisions years ago. Even radical solutions such as Boris Johnson's estuary airport – under present planning and legal regimes – could not be delivered in time to stop the slide against our competitors.

"Boris Island, a planned multi runway airport that would sit in the Thames Estuary, would take 25 years to deliver and cost £50 billion to construct. Lord Foster's Isle of Grain has a similar price tag and time frame."

now," said director of regeneration at Medway Council Robin Cooper.

"She's on record, before getting the (deputy mayor) post, of saying she was in favour of high-speed rail links to link up existing airports. We have a similar view to that."

Mr Cooper said the meeting with Mrs Borwick on Thursday, November 22, will see the authority outline the alternatives to a hub airport on the north Kent coast, explain the destructive impact it would have and take her on a site visit so she can see for herself the devastating effects such a development would have, not only on the environment but the people living there.

Her upcoming visit follows numerous attempts by Medway Council, some county MPs and Kent County Council to secure a meeting with London Mayor, Boris Johnson.

"We want to have a frank exchange of views on what the Mayor of London is proposing and also schemes he's supporting, such as Lord Foster's design," said Mr Cooper.

"It will be interesting to see which scheme the mayor is still backing and for us to get over the views of the people of Kent and Essex.

"We want to get the message across of the impact it will have. This isn't us being nimbys, this is the wrong place to build an airport.

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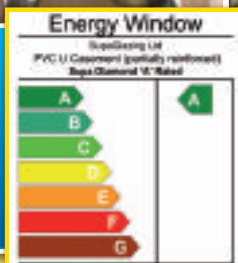
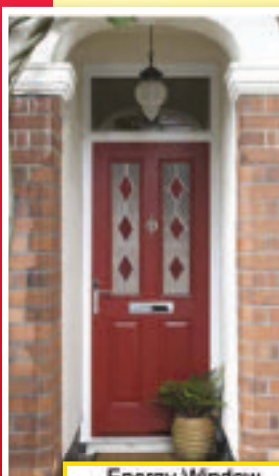
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## CELEBRITY

# 'My new son-in-law Dermot has the X Factor'

By Marijke Cox

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DERMOT O'Leary's new mother-in-law has spoken of her happiness at seeing her daughter wed her long-time love after 10 years together.

Deputy Mayor of Broadstairs and Thanet Tory councillor Rosalind Binks watched her TV producer daughter Dee Koppang walk down the aisle and marry the cheeky X Factor presenter last Friday.

The couple, who met while working at the same TV production company, tied the knot at the picturesque St Mary's Church in Chiddingstone, Sevenoaks, after a decade together. They were watched by family and a host of celebrity friends including Holly Willoughby, Fearne Cotton, James Corden, and Leigh Francis aka Keith Lemon.

"It went very well – like all brides' mothers I was stressed, but very happy," said Mrs Binks.

"It was an informal wedding; it was for friends and family only. All the people there were



Picture: ROBIN BRADSHAW PHOTOGRAPHY

**JUST MARRIED:** TV presenter Dermot O'Leary and Dee Koppang

good friends and meant something to the couple.

"They looked very happy.

My daughter was beautiful."

Ms Koppang, 33, wore a stunning, vintage, fitted dress, and Mr O'Leary, 39, had a mid-night blue suit with a matching waistcoat and grey tie.

Mrs Binks, who lives in Broadstairs, said she was delighted at the nuptials.

"Dermot has been part of our family for the last 10 years and I couldn't wish for a better son-in-law," she said.

"To see your daughter married to someone you wholeheartedly approve of is what every mother wants. It was a very happy day."

Ms Koppang – who has a successful TV producing and directing career in England and America – will be known as Koppang-O'Leary.

She was born in Oslo, Norway, but as a young child she came to Ramsgate, where she attended St Stephen's infant school and then St Lawrence College.

"The wedding brought three nationalities together; Irish, Norwegian and British," said Mrs Binks.

The happy couple chose not

to sell their wedding pictures and interviews to a magazine, as many other high-profile couples have done, and instead released a picture, inviting those who use it to donate to the RNLI Ramsgate and another charity in Colchester.

Guests of the wedding were

also invited to donate to the charities rather than buy a present.

The newlyweds attended Gavin and Stacey star James Corden's wedding to fiancée Julia Cary the day after their marriage.

Mrs Binks said: "They've

now gone on a mini-moon to Italy as Dermot starts back at work next week, but I'm sure they'll do something at a later date."

Popular presenter Mr O'Leary proposed to Ms Koppang on a romantic trip to New York last year.

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## EDUCATION

## Strike threat hangs over college as jobs to be axed

By Chris Britcher

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STAFF at K College are to be balloted over strike action in an increasingly bitter row over proposed job losses across its countywide campuses.

The college confirmed recently it planned to axe 145 jobs as part of an on-going review of its finances.

Just days later, it also confirmed it had shelved plans for an ambitious multi-million pound learning centre in Ashford town centre.

K College – formed by the merger of South Kent and West Kent colleges – has campuses in Ashford, Folkestone, Dover, Tonbridge, and Tunbridge Wells.

Now members of the University and College Union (UCU) are voting over whether or not to take industrial action.

The union says the college's plans leave the entire workforce of more than 1,000 staff at risk of redundancy. They



CONTROVERSY: K College

add it also comes just months after 50 staff lost their jobs as part of a previous review.

It is now demanding the threat of compulsory redundancies is lifted and called for a "full transparent audit" of the college's finances.

UCU chiefs said the large number of job losses was "not justified" and pointed to other colleges' abilities to "deal with funding shortfalls without such drastic action".

The president of UCU, Kathy Taylor, met its members at the college earlier this week and urged them to back the strike ballot if negotiations fail.

UCU regional support official, Adam Lincoln, said:

"These ill-conceived and unjustified proposals, that mean the axe for around 200 members of staff in a single calendar year, will have huge ramifications in terms of the quality of education K College is able to deliver. We are not seeking confrontation, but we must defend the education service the college provides not just for now, but for the future."

A spokesman for K College said: "The college is committed to meaningful consultations with staff and unions."

"Since the merger in April, 2010, we have been going through a downsizing and restructuring process, and we are focused on taking forward a curriculum that offers the best quality courses in every case."

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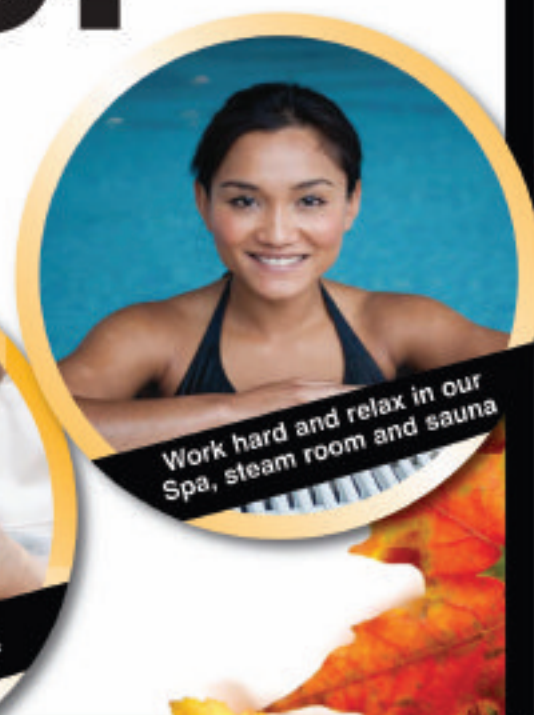
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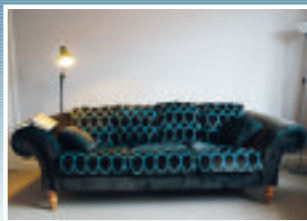
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ROAD SAFETY

# Speed traps take the credit for a big drop in serious road crashes

By **Marijke Cox**  
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THE number of deaths and serious injuries in crash hot spots has reduced dramatically, according to the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership.

New figures have shown a 72 per cent drop – from 363 people in the three years before fixed speed cameras were installed to 103 between 2009 and 2011.

Mobile cameras, which move around the county, have also helped cut deaths and casualties by 67 per cent, from 118 prior to them being introduced to 62 in the last three years.

Spokesman Katherine Barrett said in the 10 years the

partnership has been running it has been determined to reduce the number of speed-related crashes.

“Our latest research clearly shows the benefit of safety cameras in casualty reduction is substantial,” she said. “In real terms, fixed and mobile safety camera figures combined represent the equivalent of 386 lives saved, or people being saved from potentially life-changing injuries.”

Across the county there are 77 fixed safety camera sites, all installed at specific locations due to a history of speed-related crashes in which people have died or been seriously injured.

“In the majority of areas, the message is definitely getting through to drivers, though there are still some where motorists are failing to heed speed warnings, and where fatal or serious injuries have remained the same or slightly increased,” said Ms Barrett.

“We regularly review the effectiveness of cameras at these sites and continue to explore other ways of reducing speeds and casualties.”

But Ian Taylor, Kent spokesman for the Association of British Drivers, said to attribute the reduction in crashes to speed cameras was “potentially dangerous”.

“Overall, there has been a decrease in accidents, deaths and injuries. That is always welcome news,” he said.

“But the drop is partially due to the economic downturn, resulting in less traffic. Statistics of this kind need to also take traffic volumes into account. There is also little attempt to correlate the figures with the actual causes of the accidents.”

“Speed alone never caused any accident, death or injury – slower

speed may mitigate the effects – but how far do you take that? Inappropriate speed for the road and conditions is a genuine cause, but is variable and little to do with a posted speed limit; set these days as much for political reasons as safety.

“Such accidents are a small minority. Many more are caused by inattention, failures of judgment and drink or drugs.

“All those reasons demand better education and training as well as

enforcement. Why then do we continue to lavish so much money and effort on the camera partnerships and just one aspect?”

A new campaign has been launched this week by the safety camera partnership.

Information boards will be going up at roadside camera sites showing how many lives have been saved and serious injuries prevented so drivers can see how effective a particular camera has been.

## SEARCH FOR WITNESSES

AN APPEAL has been launched after speed cameras were targeted by vandals placing stickers over their lenses.

Kent Police, community safety units, Neighbourhood Watch and the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership are asking communities to watch for anyone carrying out such behavior and to alert authorities. Cameras across the county were targeted last month and it is now happening again.

Katherine Barrett from the camera partnership said: “We don’t have the resources to keep undoing this damage. “We’re keen that cameras continue working in order to continue reducing the speeds for communities.

“Our eyes and ears can’t be on the ground to look out for this, so please let the police know by calling 101.”



**SAFETY:** Figures have dipped but those opposed to speed cameras say more needs to be done

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THE FIGURES		
Area	Fixed camera	Mobile:
Ashford	Down 83% (6-3)	Down 100% (5-0)
Canterbury	Down 61% (13-5)	Down 95% (19-1)
Dartford	Down 70% (57-17)	n/a
Dover	Down 100% (6-0)	Down 60% (5-2)
Gravesham	Down 70% (36-11)	Down 96% (24-1)
Maidstone	Down 73% (48-13)	Down 33% (15-10)
Medway	Down 71% (79-23)	Down 73% (41-11)
Sevenoaks	Down 100% (5-0)	Down 67% (24-8)
Shepway	Down 92% (13-1)	Down 71% (14-4)
Swale	Down 74% (35-9)	Down 90% (10-1)
Thanet	Down 53% (28-13)	Down 100% (10-0)
Tonbridge & Malling	Down 86% (7-1)	n/a



## HORTICULTURE

# Kent Life names its Garden of the Year green-fingered stars



ATTENTION TO DETAIL: Elizabeth Cairns of Knowle Hill Farm

By Sarah Sturt

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LIFESTYLE magazine Kent Life hosted a special high tea party at Hadlow College to celebrate the achievements of the eight finalists in its Garden of the Year Awards.

Now in its third year, the finalists were joined by the judging panel – Roger Platts, Amanda Cottrell, Sarah Morgan, Leigh Clapp and the magazine's editor Sarah Sturt – at the college's design studio.

Others joining in the event included representatives from the college and the magazine's charity of the year – Hospice in the Weald.

Prizes of Ruxley Manor Garden Centre vouchers and personalised certificates were presented to the two runners-up



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**WELL GROWN:** Pupils at Hook Lane Primary School in Welling won the Kent Life schools category

in the Primary School Garden of the Year category, Hunton Primary School and Christ Church Junior School in Ramsgate, and also to the four runners-up in the Amateur Garden of the Year category: Barbara and Brian Badham, Victoria Granville and Richard Baxter, Mel and Lizzie Smith, and Paul and Sue Vaight.

Overall winners, the inspiring young gardeners at Hook Lane Primary School in Welling and Elizabeth Cairns of Knowle Hill Farm in Ulcombe – who edged the competition with her consistent attention to detail in plant selection and knowledgeable, enthusiastic personal connection to her creation – also received

beautiful wooden benches from Sidcup-based Ruxley Manor Garden Centre.

The October edition of Kent Life is on sale now and includes four pages of photos and interviews with the two winners.

The November edition (on sale from October 24) will feature two pages of pictures from the awards ceremony.



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## HERITAGE

# Family sparks international dispute over final resting place of Jewish philanthropist



**By Chris Murphy**  
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A MAJOR international row has blown up over the future resting place of one of Kent's best known Jewish families.

Financier, banker and philanthropist Sir Moses Montefiore built a mausoleum in Ramsgate 127 years ago to be the final resting place for him and his wife Lady Judith.

He died in 1885 shortly before his 101st birthday.

But now reports suggest some members of the Montefiore family want the remains to be moved to Jerusalem.

But Ramsgate Montefiore Heritage claims a move to Israel would be against his wishes.

Cllr David Green, is Ramsgate mayor as well as chair of the organisation.

He said: "The Ramsgate Montefiore Heritage protests most strongly against any proposal concerning the removal of Sir Moses and Lady Montefiore from their last resting place in Ramsgate, the place where they chose to be buried.



**MAYOR:** Cllr David Green

"Sir Moses frequently visited Palestine but never attempted to live there and nor did he state he wanted to be buried there. If Sir Moses had wanted to be buried in what was then Palestine, this presumably would have been arranged."

His wife and county councillor Elizabeth added: "I am really concerned. He had the mausoleum built because that's where he wanted his remains to be. It is a travesty to remove him. It is important someone's last wishes are respected."

Mayor Green said: "Sir Moses gave as much to the non-Jewish community as to the

Jewish, especially in Ramsgate where he made his home, East Cliff Lodge, as well as building a synagogue and Rabbinical College. Throughout his life Sir Moses gave generously to charity and his centenary was celebrated throughout the town."

Even the mayoral chain of office was donated by Sir Moses. Cllr Green said: "We intend to resist all attempts to remove the remains of Sir Moses and Lady Montefiore from their final resting place. Sir Moses played an enormous part in the history of Ramsgate and gave so much to the town where his memory lives on."

The Jewish Chronicle has reported that distant relatives, historian Simon Sebag Montefiore and his wine expert brother Adam Montefiore, who lives in Israel, would like his remains moved. They want him interred next to the landmark Jerusalem Windmill, which Sir Moses built to break the Arab monopoly on flour and provide work for Jews.

They represented the family at the windmill's reopening

ceremony, attended by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, Yona Metzger, and claim they have political and religious backing.

Simon Sebag Montefiore told the paper: "I had a conversation with this Prime Minister and I told him that a lot of the family thought it was about time Sir Moses was brought back to Jerusalem."

He added: "In the 1970s Golda Meir and the then Israeli government consulted the family to see if Sir Moses could be brought back to Jerusalem, but they said no."

He claims it would be Sir Moses' "dearest wish" to be moved. Mr Montefiore told the audience at the windmill dedication: "Moses Montefiore loved Jerusalem, lived for Jerusalem, and made it our family motto."

"A Zionist before the word was invented, he believed in the sacred idea of Jewish return as a religious duty, and in Jewish statehood. He came seven times and I think he should return an eighth and final time."

**CONTROVERSY:** The remains of Sir Moses Montefiore are in a mausoleum he had built in Ramsgate for himself and his wife

## ACCIDENT

## Cyclist's funeral set for anniversary

THE family of cyclist Graham Hughes, killed in a car crash on the A228 last weekend, have revealed his funeral will take place on the same day he should have been celebrating his 29th wedding anniversary.

Mr Hughes, 56, was killed when his bike collided with a stationary lorry in Snodland on Saturday afternoon.

The father-of-two and grandfather was declared dead at the scene.

A statement from his devastated family said: "Graham would have been married to Julie for 29 years on October 1, which is also the date of the funeral, which will be held at Bluebell Hill crematorium. "Graham was a father to

two children, Gary and Zoe, and was a grandad to seven-year-old Harry and three-year-old George. Graham was a great friend to many.

"He worked at Wincanton in Snodland for the last 23 years and died whilst on his way home from work.

"He was a keen and experienced cyclist, who had ridden many charity rides."



**TRAGEDY:** Graham Hughes

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## KENT REMEMBERED



**STAND AND DELIVER:** Horse-drawn carriages were popular targets for the county's highwaymen

# The highwayman who became a folk hero

By Nick Ames

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THE phrase "stand and deliver" is synonymous with an extravagantly clad masked horseman pointing his pistol at an unfortunate traveller and relieving him of their money and belongings.

And a few hundred years ago such men did indeed prowl the isolated country lanes of Kent.

Coaches and travellers on horseback were their prey, and while the use of militia and soldiers eventually brought an end to the exploits of the 'knights of the road' they have passed into legend and popular culture, from Dick Turpin to Adam Ant.

And among the most profitable targets were those rich enough to travel by stagecoach

A mail coach between London and Dover started daily operation in 1785, leaving the capital at 8pm and arriving in Dover at 6.30am in time for a daylight crossing to France.

Other towns also began to get the service, while coaching inns sprang up which offered night-time accommodation for passengers and driver, and a change of horses during the day.

Turnpike roads, paid for and maintained by local landowners who charged travellers to use them, made progress easier, but also attracted the highwaymen who were often tipped off by locals when rich pickings were on the road.

Records still exist of robbers who haunted the King's Highway during the 17th and 18th centuries. The confession of a Highway Robber under Sentence of Death in 1751, can be found in the Centre for Kentish Studies.

It reads: "I, William Lee, aged 22 years, husbandman, do depose... that I left my father on New Years Day last on account of a young woman, who I had been familiarly acquainted with, but unwilling to marry... (F)alling into bad company, (I) was seduced to take to the highway and committed about half a dozen robberies... (I) was apprehended... within one week... I dye in the Protestant Faith and... beg all young men would take warning by me, be-

ware of bad company and Sabbath breaking".

John Nevison was one of Britain's most flamboyant highwaymen and much of his legend arose from one north Kent exploit which took place before the advent of stagecoaches.

One summer morning in 1676, a traveller at Gads Hill was robbed by Nevison.

The highwayman then made his escape on a bay mare, crossed the River Thames, by ferry and galloped towards Chelmsford.

After resting his horse for half an hour, he rode on to Cambridge and Huntingdon, resting regularly for short periods during the journey.

Eventually, he found his way to the Great North Road where he turned north for York.

He arrived in York at sunset after a journey of more than 200 miles, washed and changed his clothes, then strolled to a bowling green where he knew the lord mayor was playing.

Legend has it he then laid a bet on the outcome of the match – and made sure the lord mayor remembered the time the bet was laid – 8pm that evening.

Later, Nevison was arrested for the robbery, but produced the lord mayor as his alibi witness and the court refused to believe a man

would have committed a crime at that time in Kent and ridden to York by 8pm the same day.

He was found not guilty and emerged as a folk hero, even impressing the king of England Charles II – but he was eventually executed for killing a man in a separate incident.

After his death the following song became popular:

*Did you ever hear told of that hero,  
Bold Nevison it was his name,  
And he rode about like a brave hero,  
And by that he gained a great fame,  
Now when I rode on the highway,  
I always had money in store.  
And whatever I took from the rich  
Why I freely gave it to the poor.  
I have never robbed no man of tuppence  
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**DASHING:** John Nevison's deeds were legendary

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OPINION

# Give us a fair share of lorry cash

While the news of plans to charge foreign HGVs for using our roads is to be welcomed – it is vital the money generated is fairly allocated

WHAT very good news it is to hear that the new secretary of state for transport has announced the Government is to go ahead and implement road-user charging for HGVs.

Kent County Council has long campaigned for such a charge and we are delighted the Government has, at long last, listened to our views.

Patrick McLoughlin, the transport minister, must be congratulated. Within a couple of weeks of taking up office he has managed to score a great win for British business.

Firstly, he is ensuring foreign lorry drivers pay to use UK roads, mirroring the situation for British trucks travelling on European roads.

Secondly, he has managed to comply with the ever-present and tiresome requirements of the EU regulators and thirdly, he has done all this without disadvantaging UK hauliers.

While foreign operators will

have to pay up to £1,000 per year, the UK haulier charge will be off-set through reduced Vehicle Excise Duty.

All in all, a good day's work, and he should quite rightly be feeling pleased with himself.

However, I call on him now to acknowledge the vital role Kent plays as the gateway between the UK and Europe.

Kent has long suffered the impact of 90 per cent of all foreign HGVs entering the UK through our beautiful county. We all know what these impacts are: Congestion on our main routes; damage caused to our roads, lay-bys and country lanes; and who can ignore the massive disruption in the east of the county when Operation Stack is implemented when the French have an industrial dispute or we experience extreme cross-Channel weather?

With this recent announcement, Patrick McLoughlin needs to ensure that when he is

overseeing the drafting of the necessary legislation to invoke this charge, there is clear provision for a proportion of the revenue raised to be reinvested in the county that is bearing the burden of 90 per cent of foreign HGV traffic. I hope he will fight the Treasury and insist some of this new tax revenue is returned to Kent.

Top of the list must be the provision of a number of suitable overnight lorry parks, together with a strict enforcement campaign to stop foreign lorry drivers parking in lay-bys on the A2 and A20, in local villages and other unsuitable and unsafe roads in our county.

I would like to share with KoS readers part of a letter that I received last week from a resident from just outside Canterbury; I have received hundreds of similar letters like this over the last year.

They said: "The use of the lay-by is disruptive to our lives.



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**I call on the transport minister to recognise the role of Kent as the gateway between the UK and Europe**

Worst of all is the overnight lorry parking. Refrigerated lorries keep us awake all night. Non-refrigerated lorries leave engines on and disturb us in the middle of the night or early morning when they warm up their engines and accelerate up the hill.

"We have witnessed drivers urinating in the lay-by and worse. They throw rubbish into the bushes and we have been asked for food and drink as there is nowhere to obtain these. We have also had verbal abuse thrown at us when asking the drivers why they choose to park here and interrupt our sleep. Such drivers can become threatening and approaching them is very frightening."

Kent's residents really deserve better. Kent needs a fair share of the HGV road charging revenue.

■ Cllr Bryan Sweetland is Kent County Council cabinet member for transport.

## KOS COMMENT

Worrying soaring cost of the final farewell

THERE are, they say, just two certainties in life; death and taxes.

But despite an economic outlook which promises as much warmth as an early British summer, few of us could imagine the cost of dying would be added to our list of financial concerns, along with fuel and food.

Amid the tragedy of a loved one's passing, the final bill for their burial or cremation has long been a bitter pill to swallow. Today it is one which is rapidly extending beyond the financial reach of many.

We cannot afford to live in a society where we cannot afford to die. And it is a depressing sign of the world we live in when an increasing number of people, in this modern 21st century, are placed in a pauper's grave.

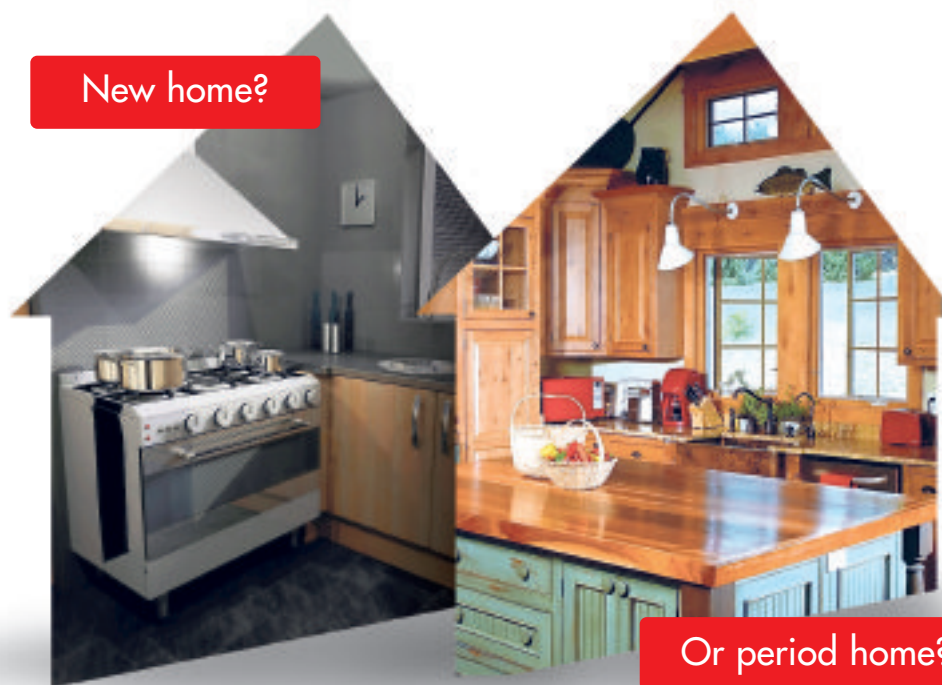
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PRIDE in our communities is frequently the glue which holds us together.

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## You're wrong on V1 and V2

IN HIS article of September 16, Chris Murphy has confused the V-1 and V-2 weapons used by the Germans in the closing stages of World War Two.

The V-2, or Vengeance weapon 2, was indeed a rocket-propelled bomb, but it was not the precursor to the Cruise missile.

The V-2 was actually, as the article later states, the forerunner to the ballistic missile and the space rocket.

The V-1, variously called by the Allies the buzz bomb or doodlebug, was the precursor of the Cruise missile.

The V-1 was a small pilotless plane powered by a ram jet engine which was halfway between a jet and a rocket engine. These were the missiles which some Allied pilots tried to tip over with their wings. This was to avoid flying through the debris if

they managed to detonate the explosive it carried.

As the article states, the V-2 travelled at three times the speed of sound and fell almost vertically.

There was no defence against it once launched, even the sound of its approach was only heard after the impact.

**Brian Barnard, Northfleet**

## Success must breed success

YOUR readers will be aware that Team GB in the London Olympics came third with 29 golds, 17 silver, and 19 bronze medals – a total of 65 medals; and ParalympicsGB were equally successful with a total of 120 medals.

The principle here for our athletes and Andy Murray's recent success at the US Open in tennis, is 'the will to win'.

It is important the legacy of the Games is to have more young people taking part in competitive sport at school.

Schools play a pivotal role in encouraging and identifying potential future Olympians, that's why the Government has set up the 2012 School Games competition.

But more young people taking part in competitive sport can't be driven by top-down Whitehall policies, as we have seen previously; it must be led by parents and communities creating a culture where competitive sports can thrive.

We must all be proud of the achievements of our Olympic medalists like Ashford rower Tom Ransley winning bronze at the men's eight final in rowing and William Fox-Pitt, from Canterbury, who won a silver medal in the Olympics three-day eventing.

I want to see the legacy of the London Olympics in the form of a sustained and continued participation of competitive sport by future generations and continued success for Team GB and all British sports people.

I would be interested to

receive your views on Olympic legacy via email to [richard-james.ashworth@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:richard-james.ashworth@europarl.europa.eu).

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## Airport would create jobs

I REFER to the article by MP Mark Reckless on September 9, and am amazed at his negative tone. He seems to be more proud of the projects he has helped to retard rather than those he has promoted.

His wide-ranging solution to the airport problem seems to be based on a sprawling network of road links spread throughout the South East, plus a series of rail links clogged up with air passengers humping their luggage on and off trains.

His arguments seem to be impervious to the environmen-

tal disaster to the people and countryside of the South East that would be caused by the increase in passenger volumes at Birmingham, Heathrow and Stanstead, plus the greater risk of aircraft collisions.

The bill for the extra runways, infrastructure, compensation and disruption may even outweigh the cost of an airport at either Cliffe or in the Thames Estuary itself.

Kent is desperate for permanent jobs. Meanwhile our politicians and pressure groups focus on the effects on wildlife, forgetting to mention the effects of wind farms on the hunting and fishing habits of wildlife they care so much about, to the detriment of future generations.

While they balk at the prospect of large projects, Essex is getting on with building a huge container port on the site of an old oil refinery, thus providing south Essex with a large employment boost.

**RG Shakespeare,  
Wilmington, Dartford**

## We've fought animal exports

WHEN the live animal export trade re-started at Ramsgate Port in May, 2011, we were in opposition at Thanet District Council (TDC).

We expressed our repulsion of the trade by putting a motion to council to seek all legal avenues in order to stop it.

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When Labour became the ruling administration of TDC we vowed that we would continue the fight against the live export trade, using the legal framework and showing a zero tolerance of any infringement of the animal welfare regulations.

Our rigorous action and determination meant the lorries were inspected very thoroughly, as they should.

It then became apparent that on several occasions the lorries or the animals were unfit for further travel.

This led to our decision as TDC Cabinet to suspend the trade in live animal exports out of Ramsgate Port on the grounds that it does not have adequate facilities to care for the animals and that there is no control post nearby to take them.

The Government, as the competent authority under the EU Regulation 2005/1, is responsible for setting up such a control post but, so far, they have not complied with this requirement, in spite of a promise they made in July, 2011.

The suspension of this awful trade by the Labour administration of TDC shows we take our responsibility seriously and that we are not afraid of taking the necessary actions, using the legal framework to pursue our aims.

We stood for election on our manifesto which stated that we would defend the rights of animals.

We fought for this to happen when we were in opposition and we are delivering now that we are the ruling administration.

We would like to thank the RSPCA for the professional and persistent way they carried out their difficult duties at Ramsgate Port.

**Cllr Michelle Fenner  
and Cllr Alan Poole,  
TDC Cabinet Members**

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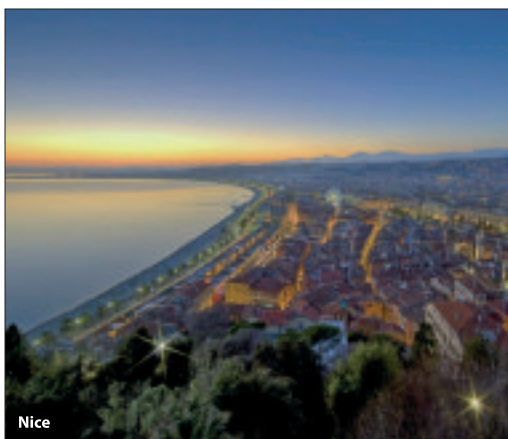
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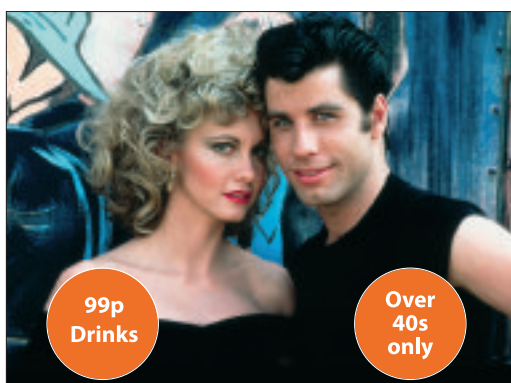
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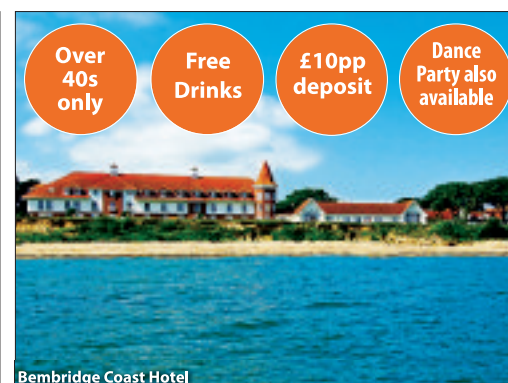
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## Ladies snap up opportunity to show their idea to MPs

By Nick Ames

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A PAIR of entrepreneurs from Folkestone have the chance to showcase their unique business idea at this year's Conservative Party conference.

All the Fun Of The Children's Fair will be taking a stand at the October event in Birmingham after being chosen from thousands of other new companies.

Entrants from across the UK were invited to enter the Start-Up competition, with 12 finalists given a chance to discuss their ideas in front of senior Conservative politicians, company representatives and members of the national media.

Launched by business partners Kay McLoughlin and Katie Bouille, All The Fun Of The Children's Fair caters for anything related to children, from bouncy-castle hire, fashions and catering to party entertainers. It aims to

bring them all together in one place to show what they have to offer, attracting an audience of people with young families who want to examine a range of child-focused products and ideas.

McLoughlin said: "We entered the Start-Up competition after talking to Damian Collins, our MP, because we saw it as a great opportunity for our business idea to gain exposure, credibility and contacts."

The idea came to the two women, who are both mothers, when they realised there was a gap in the market for a business that brings all sorts of child-related activities together.

"We are pretty sure no one else has thought of anything quite the same," said McLoughlin.

"It's a little like a wedding fair in some respects. We will bring together all sorts of people who run businesses relating to children and put them in the same room. Party entertainers can showcase

their skills – a fashion show could involve high-street stores and local children, while we would invite toy-manufacturers and photographers, too.

"There are a lot of mums who work, maybe at home, doing something for children, which would be able to get a far wider exposure. Our first idea is for an event in Folkestone, at The Grand Hotel, then maybe elsewhere in Kent. We have even looked at cooperation across the Channel as Folkestone has such strong links with Boulogne."

The pair have already put their idea to the BBC3 TV show Be Your Own Boss, and while they didn't win they say it gave them confidence.

Bouille said: "We have been talking for about a year and now we have launched the company. Currently we are working from home and trying to get everything right. I know there are craft fairs and baby shows, but I think we have hit on something unique."



**START-UP:** Katie Bouille and Kay McLoughlin will attend the event

The Start-Up competition is sponsored by companies such as Fujitsu and the British Venture Capital Association.

Prime Minister David Cameron, who launched the competition, said: "I want to encourage businesses to create and innovate, to invest and grow, to develop and break boundaries."

"That is why I'm proud the Conservative Party is once again showcasing the best of British innovation and entrepreneurship at our conference through the Start-Up Hub."

Picture: PAUL JERREAT

## Focus on finance at annual seminar

SPECIAL seminars to help and advise company directors working within commerce will once again be set up to help business chiefs across Kent.

Accountancy and financial service firm Reeves, which operates across the South East, is offering free half-day sessions to financial controllers.

The Finance Focus seminars have been running for more than 10 years and offer an ideal opportunity to update directors' knowledge on subjects including tax-saving opportunities, bank funding, corporate financial planning, financial reporting, restructuring and recovery and recent changes in employment legislation.

Clive Stevens, managing partner at Reeves, said: "Our annual Finance Focus seminars outline important changes for your business in a wide range of areas and provides an opportunity to speak to our partners."

"In this economic climate you must keep on your finances, so if you are responsible for the finances of your company please do come along."

The seminars are being held in Canterbury, Maidstone, Gatwick and London. See [www.reeves.co.uk/events](http://www.reeves.co.uk/events) for further details and to book.



**REEVES PARTNER:** Clive Stevens



**DEVELOPING OPPORTUNITIES:** Rocksalt restaurant on the waterfront is considered a major success in the regeneration work

## Regeneration continues with harbour bid

AN application for the development of Folkestone harbour has been submitted to Shepway council.

Put together by architect Sir Terry Farrell, it forms part of former Saga boss Roger de Haan's proposals to regenerate that area of the town.

Included are up to 1,000

new homes, shops, bars and a sports centre. More specific details will be made available in the future.

The proposal replaces an earlier scheme that was abandoned due to the economic climate. Put together in 2006, this called for 1,400 homes, a fast-ferry link to France and a vastly-

improved marina.

This is the latest development in the regeneration of Folkestone, which has seen substantial investment in The Old High Street and Tontine Street.

The Creative Foundation has overseen an arts-led scheme that has attracted new businesses, with many

connected to media, communications or culture.

Despite the recession, the scheme has continued over recent years and been regarded as a success, with one of its main steps forward being the establishment of the critically-acclaimed Rocksalt restaurant on the waterfront.

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## EMPLOYMENT

**SUPPORTER:** Hugh Robertson

## Fair focuses on all jobhunters

**THE Swale Jobs Fair hosted by MPs Gordon Henderson and Hugh Robertson will take place at the Wyvern Hall on Wednesday (September 26) from 10am to 5pm.**

The event will be open to anyone looking for a job, career change or apprenticeship opportunities.

Local businesses Swale Heating and Shepherd Neame have already confirmed their support as sponsors for the event and will also be participating as exhibitors, along with more than 40 other companies offering more than 400 jobs.

Although aimed at adult jobseekers, the event will also be keen to engage with school-leavers to help them formulate an achievable career plan and a number of the secondary schools are expected to attend.

There will also be an opportunity for anyone looking to start up their own business to talk with a team of experts within the business and financial sectors at the business start-up clinic; it is hoped that many hopeful entrepreneurs will visit the event.

Henderson said: "There are 3,000 unemployed people in Sittingbourne and Sheppey. Many of those people want to work and I think that as their MP it is my responsibility to try and help them find a job.

"I believe that reducing the level of unemployment is critical because doing so will not only benefit individuals but also our wider community."

Robertson added: "I am delighted to support Swale Jobs Fair, which is a fantastic opportunity to generate local jobs for local people and brings many of our employers together with jobseekers as well as students entering the job market.

"I am also keen to support Kent County Council and DWP's Youth Contract initiatives."

# Social enterprise cash a benefit to communities

**By Nick Ames**

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THE Kent Big Society Fund has made its first cash available to boost two socially-aware businesses looking to the future.

Turner Cars from Westgate-on-Sea and Herne Bay's Beach Creative are the first recipients of loans from the fund, which supports enterprises that benefit the community.

Turner Cars provides community transport to a number of vulnerable groups, with a specific focus on wheelchair-carrying vehicles.

Beach Creative provides space to artists and delivers a range of free or low-cost creative workshops for the community and schools to promote and develop the creative sector in Herne Bay.

Established with initial funding from Kent County Council, the fund is managed by the Kent Community Foundation.

Carol Lynch, Foundation chief executive, said: "It is fantastic that this loan fund for social enterprises is available, particularly in an economic environment where banks are

potentially reluctant to lend. With loans of between £10,000 and £100,000 being considered to social enterprises on bespoke terms, we can support all size of venture from those starting up to others which are well established."

The cash comes primarily as a loan fund, but there is some scope for an element of grant-funding, from which both of these first two successful applicants have benefited.

Mike Hill, KCC cabinet member for customer and communities, said: "We are delighted the first loans have been made to two very worthy start-up social enterprises.

"The aim of this fund is to make it easier for these types of businesses to apply for and secure funding. I hope other similar organisations are encouraged to apply so we can continue to support and celebrate this excellent work in Kent communities."

The companies said they were looking forward to making the best use of the cash.

Gillian Wilson, of Beach Creative, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to get this. We put a lot of work into developing our application with Andy

Garrett, of Kent Community Foundation, and feel confident that with the bonus 20 per cent element of grant funding we should comfortably be able to pay back our loan over the required terms.

"It enables us to deliver courses for the community and to build confidence in practical skills. Our monthly repayments will keep us focused on delivering this professionally."

Scott Dumigan, from Turner Cars, said: "The bank manager was not interested in our proposals to purchase and maintain two wheelchair-adaptive vehicles to help us develop the transport side of our organisation.

"With flexible terms from the Kent Big Society Fund, an element of grant-funding to cover the up-front admin fee, as well as the supportive relationship we have had, we are now able to provide low-cost, good-quality, reliable transport to all aspects of the community.

"This will allow our clients to access areas such as health, education and social opportunities, which they currently find difficult. As an organisation we are here for community benefit, not for profit."

## TOURISM

**ATTRACTION:** Turner Contemporary in Margate

## County tourism put on the map

WORK has started on development of Culture Kent, a new website promoting the best events the county has to offer to boost its tourism potential and attract greater investment.

A partnership of Visit Kent, Arts Council England, Kent County Council, Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Christchurch University, The Marlowe Theatre and Maidstone Borough Council is developing the site with the aim of communicating how much is happening, and is about to happen, in Kent.

"The county has so much to offer in terms of culture, and the aim of this new site is to showcase that to as wide an audience as possible," said Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive of Visit Kent. "We are looking to promote the county as a cultural destination and encourage visitors to stay longer, so attracting greater investment in tourism."

With funding from Arts Council England, the site is being used as a pilot programme to establish best practice for cultural organisations that want to work with tourism promoters to reach new audiences across the UK.

"Kent is seeing an exciting growth in arts, culture, regeneration and tourism, and we hope this site will benefit potential audiences – for residents, visitors, as well as arts and cultural organisations. We think the Visit Kent website has the potential to be a model for other places, in joining up tourism and cultural opportunities," said Jon Pratty, digital and creative economy, South East, Arts Council England.

The site is due to launch in March 2013.

## Make the most of young talent

COMPANIES across the county need to take on new talent to prosper and give opportunities to young people, says a UK employers' group.

The Financial Skills Partnership is calling on employers in Kent to invest in the future of their businesses by bringing on the next generation of businessmen and women.

The Office for National Statistics has published its latest set of Labour Market Statistics, which detail the level of unemployment across the country. According to the figures, the number of those out of work in Britain has fallen by 7,000 to 2.59 million.

But at this time of year graduates across the country are entering the job market and, as a result, there will be increased pressure to create vacancies.

The FSP, the employer-led body for the financial-services industry, has created an innovative new route into the finance sector for unemployed graduates through its Graduate Foundation College. The FSP is calling for more firms to join them in this approach and invest in future talent.

This month, the Graduate Foundation College will start putting bright unemployed graduates through a concentrated, structured

**NEW BLOOD:** The Financial Skills

Partnership is encouraging firms to take the most of young talent

10-week training programme that major employers such as Aviva, Just Retirement and Scottish Widows have helped provide, ensuring its quality and industry relevance.

Successful graduates will then enjoy six months of paid industry experience with a small or medium-sized advisory firm.

The graduates will be trained up to the first module of the regulated investment advice competence qualification before being introduced to the advisory firms.

Liz Field, partnership chief executive, said: "This initiative will be hugely beneficial to small and medium-sized businesses. These graduates can be the new blood needed

to lower firms' age profile, the talent to meet new regulatory requirements and the creative catalysts to help businesses grow. We're inviting small firms to register and gain the benefit of enthusiastic recruits.

"Vocational training is the obvious and effective way to build skills and we provide the first steps towards professional qualifications.

"Small and medium-sized advisory firms stand to benefit most from this scheme by tapping into the framework put in place by larger employers.

"In a sector where skills are at times scarce and sought-after, the faster this and other initiatives are taken up, the sooner the sector as a whole will be able to expand."

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## Training, courses and careers

### George is flying high after landing Biggin Hill role

A NEW apprentice scheme for young people has been launched by the RAS group of companies at Biggin Hill Airport. The company specialises in the design and manufacture of aircraft interiors, exterior painting and finishing, and special engineering projects, for the aerospace industry.

Under the scheme, three apprentices will be taken on over the next 12 months, and the first to be enlisted is 20-year-old George Harvey following a thorough selection process.

He joins this month and will be attached to the company's design department under the supervision of head of design Kevin Hann. He will be trained in aerodynamics, thermodynamics, and computer-aided design.

As part of his training, George will attend Bromley College over three years on day release to study mechanical engineering.

After completing the course and passing the examinations, he will qualify for a BTEch in mechanical engineering in 2015.

George said: "It is a privilege for me to be appointed to this position. The future is very exciting as aerospace is such a dynamic industry."

"I have always been fascinated by aircraft and the science of aviation. If I work hard, there is a good career path – for me it is a dream come true."

George lives in Medway and is a former pupil of the Medway Community College, now the Bishop of Rochester Academy. He then attended MidKent College to study public services.

The second apprentice will be recruited in the autumn for employment commencing in January, 2013, to specialise in aerospace engineering and manufacturing.

The third candidate will be selected in summer 2013 and will start work in August to specialise in aircraft refurbishment.

### Courses are the Tonic needed for creative people

THE University for the Creative Arts says more than 650 creative entrepreneurs, businesses, and individuals in Kent have benefited from its short courses.

Tonic Creative Business Project, based at UCA Rochester, has offered 30 different courses since 2008 and launched its new portfolio for the upcoming academic year this week aboard LV21 at Gillingham Pier.

From October, creative people will be able to apply for short courses and workshops in entrepreneurship, web design, photography, and other creative subjects, which will take place in the evenings or weekends at UCA's Joiners Shop, at Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Michael Poraj-Wilczynski, widening participation manager at UCA, said: "Tonic has been a great success over the past four years and provides a unique opportunity for people to improve their skills and working lives."

"Our short courses offer so much to so many people: not only do they cater for individuals looking to retrain and enter the creative industries for the first time, but there are also courses for established creative enterprises who want to learn more about business and marketing, while practical workshops, such as photography, are perfect for those who simply want to learn more about their creative passion."

For information visit [www.tonic-project.co.uk](http://www.tonic-project.co.uk).

# College teams up with Gills to develop football coaches of the future

MIDKENT College has teamed up with Gillingham FC in an attempt to develop the football coaches of the future.

Students from the Medway campus's sport department will shadow the League Two club's Football in the Community team as they deliver a number of training schemes across the towns.

The youngsters will also have the opportunity to observe academy, reserve and first-team training sessions at the club throughout the football season.

MidKent College sport lecturer William Lee said the partnership was part of a new course pathway aimed at helping students gain employment in the football industry through refereeing and FA coaching qualifications.

He added: "I'm very excited about this opportunity and believe it will give students a first-hand insight into how the football industry operates."

"We have previously operated courses based around the playing aspect but have decided to deliver this partnership from a new angle."

Students on the scheme attended a special launch event at the home of Gillingham FC – Priestfield Stadium – on Thursday, September 13.

Also in attendance at the launch were Gillingham midfielder Jack Payne and club



**COACHES OF THE FUTURE:** (from left) William Lee, MidKent College students Holly Pearce and Josh West, Gillingham midfielder Jack Payne, Tommy Trewblu, students Mia Sellar and Robbie Summerhayes, and Adam Lawrence

mascot Tommy Trewblu.

Adam Lawrence – head of Football in the Community at Gillingham FC – said: "The GFC Community Trust is delighted to announce this partnership with MidKent College, which will see young students volunteering for the scheme and

gaining important experience in football coaching."

"Not only will this be a benefit for the community team by having extra coaches at our sessions, but I am sure the students will benefit from working in a variety of environments alongside some experi-

enced coaches and teachers."

"It is important for us as a charitable trust to forge links with local organisations and build strong relationships in our community, and this exciting partnership with our neighbouring college is further evidence of this."

## Youngsters offered food for thought in successful Skills for Work Week

THE Co-operative Food has been staging workshops in the Dartford area as part of a national scheme to encourage young unemployed people into the food industry.

The business was backing Feeding Britain's Future – Skills for Work Week, a nationwide campaign that finished on Friday, and aimed to offer young unemployed people opportunities to help them prepare for the workplace and introduce them to the various roles within food retail and manufacture.

As part of the campaign the Co-operative hosted sessions at its food stores in Station Road, Longfield, and Long Lane, Bexleyheath, for around 80 young unemployed people.

During the workshops they received training in

the skills they need to help them secure jobs, such as creating a CV and interview techniques, as well as learning more about the different types of jobs in food retail and what the work entails.

Group chief executive of the Co-operative Group, Peter Marks, said: "With youth unemployment escalating to more than one million, businesses have a real responsibility to tackle the issue."

"We all have a part to play, and by supporting this initiative and investing in young people, we can help provide them with the confidence and knowledge to make the most of the employment opportunities that are out there, helping to create a talented workforce for the future."

"The Co-operative is committed to helping young people into work, through schemes such as our Apprenticeship Academy, which is on track to provide 2,000 apprenticeships for young people by 2014. The scheme offers proper jobs with nationally recognised qualifications and genuine career prospects throughout our group of businesses, from food and farming through to logistics, right across the UK."

Feeding Britain's Future – Skills for Work Week was designed by food and grocery experts, IGD, to bring together businesses from the entire food and grocery industry to play a vital role in tackling youth unemployment.

For more information on Skills for Work Week go to [www.feedingbritainsfuture.com](http://www.feedingbritainsfuture.com).



## Schools & education

### Academy opens arts faculty doors to adults for free taster sessions

FOLKESTONE Academy's performing and expressive arts faculty is offering adult members of the community an opportunity to experience the academy's facilities and teaching resources in four one-hour free taster sessions.

These sessions will be held on Monday, September 24, from 3-5pm at the Folkestone Academy.

Andrea Wood, head of expressive and performing arts and organiser of the outreach

project, said: "I am excited to share our fantastic performing arts facilities and teaching expertise with members of the community."

"We all feel very passionate about working with the adult members of the community as well as our students because they may have never had the opportunities to study such subjects with amazing facilities when they were at school."

All of the staff from the faculty will be collaborating to de-

liver four one-hour taster sessions called:

1 – Storytelling with music for parents and toddlers

2 – Dance fever, a hip way to keep fit

3 – Sound and lighting for beginners

4 – Music technology for beginners

If you are interested in participating in one or all sessions call 01303 842400 to sign up. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Search starts for best young cooks in Kent

THE prestigious young people's cooking competition – the Kent Young Chef Award – is underway as dozens of schools and hundreds of students prepare to compete for the coveted Junior and Senior titles in the 2012 competition.

Kent Young Chef Award 2012 is open to all secondary students in Kent in year groups 7-11.

The Produced in Kent inspired competition gives Kent's aspiring young chefs the opportunity to devise and write an original main course dish that features regional and seasonal ingredients from the Garden of England.

Two-times champion Alice Browning, of Walderslade Girls School in Chatham hopes to one day compete on MasterChef: The Professionals, work with Kent celebrity chef Richard Phillips, and then run her own restaurant.

She said: "For anyone who loves cooking from scratch I would really encourage you to enter this competition. I have always dreamed of becoming a professional chef one day and this competition is just the best accolade an aspiring young chef could hope to achieve in Kent."

The authors behind the eight best paper entries will head to the professional kitchens and restaurant at K College, Tonbridge, on November 23 to compete for the Junior and Senior titles in the live final in front of a panel of judges headed up by Richard Phillips.

All eight finalists will walk away with a



**COOKING:** Two-times champion Alice Browning, a pupil at Walderslade Girls School in Chatham

fantastic selection of prizes, as well as a memorable one-day cookery experience and lunch in one of Phillips' restaurants in Kent – The Hengist, Thackeray's or The Windmill Inn.

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### HR student Becky in line for award after volunteer work at staff group

A BROMLEY College student studying human resources has been chosen as a finalist for an important industry award.

Becky Shailer, 25, is shortlisted for the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development's 2012 Outstanding Student Award in recognition for her work as HR information analyst at Kent County Council.

Becky is one of five finalists and studied for the Level 5 Intermediate Certificate in Human Resource Management at Bromley College, which she

completed in July.

It was her hard work volunteering as the co-chair of Kent County Council's younger persons' staff group, Aspire, that brought her to the attention of the judging panel.

Using the skills and knowledge gained from her course, Becky managed a consultation and re-launch of the staff group to meet the needs of young colleagues, and is currently responsible for more than 20 projects which she manages in addition to her day to day role.

She said: "I am really excited to have been shortlisted for this award; it's fantastic to be recognised as I am incredibly proud of my achievements with Kent County Council's staff group."

"I have always been passionate about HR, but I'm now even more excited about my HR career. I am determined to continue with my studies and complete the next level of the CIPD qualification."

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## Public Appointments

## Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas..

### Musical Theatre Lecturer, full time, permanent

Ref: P0272

Salary: £26,836 - £31,218 (dependent on experience and qualifications)  
37 hours per week - Medway Campus

Mid-Kent College is looking to recruit an enthusiastic and dedicated Musical Theatre Lecturer to lead the HND programme within a successful Performing Arts department. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a high level of vocational experience, direct productions, be able to co-ordinate/work alongside existing teachers to develop, and expand, Musical Theatre both within the college and in the local community. The successful candidate will be responsible for planning and delivering, to a high standard, specialist units to Level 3 students on the BTEC Extended Diploma in Musical Theatre and the Level 4 HNC/D in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) courses.

### Lecturer in Media, full time, permanent

Ref: P0618

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### Hourly paid Lecturer in Media

Ref: SESS

Hourly Rate: £15.80 - £23.30 per hour (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Medway Campus

A flexible media sessional lecturer is required to teach a minimum of 10 hours per week with the Media department. The ideal candidate should hold a teaching qualification and have experience with BTEC and vocational qualifications. Current industry knowledge is desirable, specifically within the television and film industries

### Learning Support Practitioner, term time only, permanent

Ref: LSP01

Salary: £19,464 per annum, pro rata - 37 hours per week  
Medway & Maidstone Campus

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### Hourly Paid Lecturer in Catering and Hospitality

Ref: SESS

Hourly Rate: £22.45 - £27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience)  
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### Apprentice, Full-time

Ref: App

Medway/Maidstone Campus

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**Closing date: 5th October 2012**

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

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**Ref: P0070**

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### Hourly Paid Learning Support Assistants

**Ref: LSA01**

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The College is looking to recruit Learning Support Assistants to support students throughout the department in the  
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HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD

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Because of works to lay phone ducting in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Hill, Chilham, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with The Square.

The 'No Entry' from A252 Maidstone Road into Church Hill will be suspended to allow access.

The alternative route is via Taylors Hill and A252 Maidstone Road.

**CHURCH LANE, ALDINGTON  
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Because of electrical cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Aldington, on or after 8 October 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via A20 Hythe Road, Station Road, Goldwell Lane and Roman Road.

**MOCKBEGGAR LANE, BIDDENDEN  
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Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mockbeggar Lane, Biddenden, on or after 8 October 2012 for up to 2 weeks, between 7.30 am and 5.00 pm.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length, i.e. between Cranbrook Road and Goddards Green Road, with no through access.

The alternative route is via Cranbrook Road, Benenden Road and Goddards Green Road.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(ORCHARD STREET AREA, CANTERBURY)  
(EXPERIMENTAL RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order, which will be in force for a maximum experimental period of 18 months, will introduce a prohibition of driving except for access on the following streets:

Orchard Street  
Queens Avenue  
Prince's Way  
Crown Gardens  
St Dunstan's Terrace  
New Street  
Cross Street  
Church Street (St Dunstan's)  
Mead Way

The Order was made on 21 September 2012 and will come into force on 1 October 2012.

The Highway Authority will be considering in due course whether the provisions of this experimental Order should continue in force indefinitely.

Any alterations to this Order which will render it less restrictive may be authorised by the Transportation Manager, without the requirement to re-advertise the Order, under section 10(2) of the Act, and after consultation with the chief officer of police.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, may be examined at the offices of Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW or at Ashford Highway Depot, Kent County Council, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

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John Burr  
Director of Highways  
Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent

**PIGEON LANE, HERNE BAY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage works to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pigeon Lane, Herne Bay, on or after 8 October 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed immediately to the west of the junction with Windmill Road.

The alternative route is via Mill Lane, Hillbrow Avenue and Hillcroft Road.

HIGHWAYS - DARTFORD AREA

**CANADA FARM ROAD, DARTFORD  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works involving Replacing overhead lines , Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canada Farm, Dartford, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Main Road and Rabits Road.

The alternative route is via Green street Green Road, Gills Road, Homesdale Hill, Shrubbery Road and Rabbits Road.

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

**ALBERT ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, DEAL  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
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Because of level crossing maintenance and re-railing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Albert Road Level Crossing, Deal, on or after 29 September 2012, as shown below.

Albert Road, Deal will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The planned closure times are from Saturday 29 September at 0.30 am until Sunday 30 September at 5.00 am.

The alternative route is via Albert Road, A258 Queen Street, Broad Street, Beach Street, King Street, High Street and Ark Lane

**ST JAMES STREET, DOVER  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St James Street, Dover, on or after 26 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Woolcomber Street and the White Horse Public House.

The alternative route is via A256 Woolcomber Street and A258 Castle Hill Road.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESHAM

**ST MARKS AVENUE, NORTHFLEET  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Marks Avenue, Northfleet, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed Between properties 91 and 127.

There will be no access for through traffic between properties 91 and 127.

The alternative route for traffic from the south of Beaumont Drive will be diverted to cremorne Road into St Mark Avenue.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

**CHARLTON LANE, WEST FARLEIGH  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of footway improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Charlton Lane, West Farleigh, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 19 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from 'Sunhyll' to 'Elmscroft'.

The alternative route is via B2010 Lower Road, B2163 Ewell Lane, Charlton Lane.

**A229 CHATHAM ROAD, BOXLEY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of maintenance works to a motorway bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A229 Chatham Road, northbound slip, Boxley, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 7 week nights or until the works have been completed.

The A229 Chatham Road northbound slip between The Running Horse roundabout and Cobtree Roundabout will be closed.

The alternative route is coast bound motorway traffic via M20 to junction 5 London bound and northbound non-motorway traffic via A229 Royal Engineers roundabout and return.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
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**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Thursday 27th September 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule	
Road Name:	Couchman Green Lane, Staplehurst
Extent:	A229 Maidstone Road to Sweetlands Lane
Dates:	Start: 27th September 2012 End: 28th September 2012
Diversion:	A229 Maidstone Road/Station Road, Headcorn Road, Pile Lane
Road Name:	Church Hill, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent:	Butt Green Lane to Stable Cottage
Dates:	Start: 28th September 2012 End: 29th September 2012
Diversion:	Butt Green Lane, Loddington Lane, B2163 Heath Road
Road Name:	Hospital Road, Hollingbourne
Extent:	A20 Ashford Road to Greenway Court Road
Dates:	Start: 30th September 2012 End: 30th September 2012
Diversion:	A20 Ashford Road, Eythorne Street, Greenway Court Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate footway improvement works to be undertaken by KCC Highways. For further information or comment please call Colin Garnham on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

**A229 LOOSE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, A228 SNODLAND BYPASS, LADDS LANE, SNODLAND, TONBRIDGE & MALLING  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow a programme of carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Kent, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after Monday 8th October 2012 for up to 3 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed in alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

SCHEDULE

MAIDSTONE

**A229 LOOSE ROAD, MAIDSTONE** - closed between Anglesey Avenue and Walnut Tree Lane

16th October 2012 - 7.00pm to 1am

Alternative route via A229 Loose Road, Linton Road, B2163 Heath Road, Plough Wents Road, A274 Sutton Road and A229 Loose Road.

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

**A228 SNODLAND BYPASS, SNODLAND (NORTHBOUND)** - closed between Malling Road (Ham Hill Roundabout) and Holborough Road

15th October 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route for light vehicles via Malling Road.

Alternative route for HGV's via A228, M20, A229, M2 and A228

**A228 SNODLAND BYPASS, SNODLAND (SOUTHBOUND)** - closed between Holborough Road and Malling Road (Ham Hill Roundabout)

15th October 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route for light vehicles via Malling Road.

Alternative route for HGV's via A228, M2, A229, M20 and A228

**LADDS LANE, SNODLAND** - closed at junction with A228 Snodland Bypass at Holborough Road roundabout.

11th October November 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route via Ladds Lane, The Street Upper Halling, Vicarage Road,

Kent Road and A228 Snodland Bypass.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

**MARKET STREET, MARGATE  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new gas supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Market Street, Margate, on or after 8 October 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 7.

The alternative route is via Marine Drive, Marine Gardens, Cecil Square, Hawley Street, New Street and New Cross Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Market Street will be suspended from New Cross Street to the point of closure, to allow access.

**SEAMARK ROAD, MONKTON  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new water supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Seamark Road, Monkton, on or after 8 October 2012 for up to 5 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the entrance to Thanet Earth and the junction with Plumstone Road.

The alternative route is via A299 Thanet Way, A28 Canterbury Road and Seamark Road.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(A26 QUARRY HILL ROAD, TONBRIDGE)  
(PROHIBITION OF NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC & RIGHT TURNS)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic (including cycles) and prohibiting right turns on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Sunday 30th September 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

For further information, please contact  
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)





HIGHWAYS

Schedule

Road Name: A26 Quarry Hill Road  
Extent: A21 Viaduct  
Dates: Start: 21:00hrs 30th September 2012  
End: 05:00hrs 1st October 2012  
Diversion: A21 London bound, U turn at Morley's Interchange, A21 Hastings bound, second exit at Vauxhall Roundabout, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road

Road Name: A26 Quarry Hill Road  
Extent: Prohibit right turn towards Tonbridge from southbound direction  
Dates: Start: 30th September 2012  
End: 16th October 2012  
Diversion: A21 Hastings bound, second exit at Vauxhall Roundabout, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road

Road Name: A26 Quarry Hill Road  
Extent: A21 Viaduct  
Dates: Start: 21:00hrs 7th October 2012  
End: 05:00hrs 8th October 2012  
Diversion: A21 London bound, U turn at Morley's Interchange, A21 Hastings bound, second exit at Vauxhall Roundabout, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road

Road Name: A26 Quarry Hill Road  
Extent: A21 Viaduct  
Dates: Start: 21:00hrs 8th October 2012  
End: 05:00hrs 16th October 2012  
Diversion: A21 London bound, U turn at Morley's Interchange, A21 Hastings bound, second exit at Vauxhall Roundabout, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road

Road Name: A26 Quarry Hill Road  
Extent: Prohibit right turn into Quarry Hill Road from northbound direction  
Dates: Start: 22nd October 2012 End: 16th November 2012  
Diversion: A26 Quarry Hill Road  
Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald for the Highways Agency apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for parapet replacement and refurbishment on the viaduct. For further information or comment please call Nithi Myuran on 0203 4332128.

**REDWELL LANE, IGHTHAM**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Redwell Lane, Ightham, on or after 8 October 2012 for up to 10 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside "The Cottage".

The alternative route is via Common Road, Sandy Lane, Ismay's Road.

**SWANTON ROAD, MEREWORTH/WEST PECKHAM**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

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or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

Because of BT cabling works for a new connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Swanton Road, Mereworth/West Peckham, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed its entire length.

The alternative route is via Stan Lane, Mereworth Road, B2016 Seven Mile Lane.

HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

**ASHURST HILL, ASHURST**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of a railway bridge examination, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ashurst Hill, Ashurst, on or after 28 September 2012 for up to 1 night between 22:00hrs and 06:00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via A264 Ashurst Road, B2110 Groombridge Hill, B2110 Withyham Road, B2026 Edenbridge Road, A264 Ashurst Road.

**FOXHOLE LANE, BRENCHEY**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to replace a telegraph pole, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Foxhole Lane, Brencley, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Bramble Reed Lane to outside "Chestnut Cottage".

The alternative route is via Chestnut Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road, Bramble Reed Lane.

**HINKSDEN ROAD, BENENDEN**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hinksden Road, Benenden, on or after 25 September 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Coldharbour Road to Foxhole Lane.

The alternative route is via Coldharbour Road, Mill Street, Sponden Lane, Field Green.

John Burr  
Director Kent Highways  
Invicta House  
County Hall,  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 9th September 2012



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PLANNING



Planning applications

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995  
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

**CA/12/01568/FUL: Ford Manor Farm, Ford Hill, Hoath, CT3 4LS** Conversion of east house to residential use, **Applicant: J E Batchelor & Partners**  
Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.  
**CA/12/01575/FUL: Folly Farm, Headcorn Drive, Canterbury, CT2 7FF** Engineering drainage works providing Swale and drainage pond to serve four proposed terraced dwellings, **Applicant: Robert Brett & Sons Ltd** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.  
**CA/12/01577/TPO: 86 Chestfield Road, Chestfield** Repollard Willow tree subject of TPO No 7 of 1969. **Applicant: Mr Ford**  
Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/01584/FUL: 47 Cromwell Road, Whitstable, CT5 1NW** Replacement windows to front of dwelling. **Applicant: Prof S Coulton**  
Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/01585/LUE: 19 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3AH** Certificate of existing lawful use of Stafford House School of English for educational purposes. **Applicant: Stafford House School of English** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/01594/VAR: 11-12 Orchard Street, Canterbury, CT2 8AP** Variation of condition 09 of listed building consent CA/12/00275/LB relating to conversion of public house to two dwellings with ground and first-floor extensions and associated internal and external alterations; variation in respect of approved drawings including the retention and re-roofing of rear outhouse, provision of additional rooflights to first-floor extension, rearrangement of staircase and interior of No 11 and retention of entrance lobbies. **Applicant: Hill Property Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.  
**CA/12/01597/FUL: Ileden Farm House, Ileden Lane, Kingston, CT4 6HP** Single-storey extension to farmhouse, internal alterations, alterations to outbuilding and landscaping. **Applicant: Mr Steel** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.  
**CA/12/01598/FUL: 19 Stanley Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5SJ** Replacement of timber sash windows and doors with upvc windows and doors. **Applicant: Mrs Biggs** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/01601/TPO: Land adjacent to Garlinge Green Road, Petham** Felling of seven mixed species trees (subject of TPO No. 3 /A1 of 1959) and replacement with mixed species of trees. **Applicant: Mount Trustees Petham** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/01604/LB: Sheeppcourt Farm, Duckport Road, Waltham, CT4 5PY** Replacement of UPVC windows with timber painted framed windows. **Applicant: Mrs P Izard** Reason: Work to a listed building.  
**CA/12/01606/FUL: Millbank House, Ford Hill, Hoath, CT3 4LP** Retrospective change of use of part of the land to the north of Millbank House to residential garden including groundworks to raise the level the proposed area. **Applicant: Mr Stephen Hills** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/01609/LB: Dane Chantry Barn, Stone Street, Petham, CT4 5PP** Insertion of two windows into flint wall on west elevation. **Applicant: Mrs Elizabeth Cumming** Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to [development.management@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.management@canterbury.gov.uk) to arrive on or before **Monday 15 October 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration  
Friday 21 September 2012



**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

**Y12/0830/SH - 34 Bouverie Road West Folkestone Kent** - Crown reduction of Bay Tree, comprising the reduction of height by 3m and lateral limbs by 1m situated within a conservation area.

**Y12/0814/SH - Shakespeare Centre 145 - 147 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2DA** - Conservation area consent for the partial demolition of first floor structure.

**Y12/0823/SH - Earlscliffe 29 Shorncliffe Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2NB** - Erection of a terrace of 5 three storey dwellings with garages to the rear and associated access, parking and landscaping.

**Y12/0785/SH - 63 Wear Bay Road Folkestone Kent CT19 6PU** - Erection of first floor balcony to rear of existing dwelling, with privacy screen and external staircase to rear garden and erection of detached summerhouse in rear garden following removal of existing workshop/studio.

**Y12/0824/SH - 127 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2BH** - Change of use of upper ground floor and first to third floor offices, to seven self contained flats, together with formation of new shopfront and other external alterations (resubmission of application Y12/0475/SH).

**Y12/0601/SH - 5 Radnor Cliff Folkestone Kent CT20 2JW** - Erection of a first floor roof extension with balcony and other external alterations.

**Y12/0791/SH - 98 Bouverie Road West Folkestone Kent CT20 2PP** - Felling of a self set Sycamore tree situated within a conservation area.

**Y12/0671/SH - Inverness Suite The Grand The Leas Folkestone Kent CT20 2LR** - Listed building consent for the division of a single unit to 3 No. units to include the demolition of internal walls and chimney breast; erection of new partition walls; creation of new opening and erection of external access bridge.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk). Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- # - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney
- + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stone Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (\*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning  
Shepway District Council



**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**  
**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

- The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
- The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
- The application is for a Major Development.

**REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 8TH OCTOBER 2012**

**SW/12/1063 & SW/12/1064:**  
Part demolition, refurbishment and extension of outbuilding to form a new garage and sun room - Little Fisher Street Farm, BADLESMERE; **REASON 2**

**SW/12/1088 & SW/12/1091:**  
Conversion of garages and outbuilding to holiday letting accommodation including partial demolition of garage structure - Church Farm House, Church Hill, HERNHILL; **REASONS 1 & 2**

**SW/12/1089 & SW/12/1092:**  
Removal of conservatory and erection of garden room and storm porch to rear - Church Farm House, Church Hill, HERNHILL; **REASONS 1 & 2**

**SW/12/1103:**  
Variation of condition (3) of planning permission SW/10/0240 to allow a further 2 years to construct retail units - Parcel 4, Thistle Hill MINSTER; **REASON 3**

**SW/12/1117:**  
Single storey rear extension; 4 Lilac Cottages, Canterbury Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

**SW/12/1122:**  
Construction of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage space and associated parking spaces and turning area - Land adjacent to The New Bothy, Lynsted Lane, LYNSTED; **REASON 1**

**SW/12/1124:**  
Single storey side extension to create one number classroom with associated wcs - Selling C of E Primary School, The Street, SELLING; **REASON 1**

**SW/12/1127 & SW/12/1128:**  
Demolition of non-listed buildings - HM Prison, Standford Hill, Church Road, EASTCHURCH; **REASONS 2 & 3**

**SW/12/1133 & SW/12/1143:**  
Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling and demolition of existing garage - The Gate Lodge, The Vallance, LYNSTED; **REASONS 1 & 2**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

**James Freeman**  
Head of Planning

## PLANNING

**FORM OF NOTICE SPECIFYING LAND AND STATING EFFECT OF GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION  
THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SHEPWAY (LAND AT DUNSTALL LANE, ST MARY'S BAY) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2011**

To:  
of:

- Notice is hereby given that the District Council of Shepway ("the Council") on 13 September 2012 made a general vesting declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 ("the Act") vesting the land described in the Schedule to this notice ("the land") in themselves as from the end of the period of 28 days from the date on which the service of the notices required by section 6 of the Act is completed.
- The Council will in due course tell you the date on which the service of the notices was completed.
- The effect of the general vesting declaration is as follows:
- On the first day after the end of the period referred to in the first paragraph of this notice ("the Vesting Date") the land, together with the right to enter upon and take possession of it, will vest in the Council.
- Also, on the Vesting Date the Acts providing for compensation will apply as if, on the date on which the general vesting declaration was made (namely 13 September 2012), a notice to treat had been served on every person on whom the Council could have served such a notice (other than any person entitled to an interest in land in respect of which such notice had actually been served before the Vesting Date and any person entitled to a "minor tenancy" or a "long tenancy which is about to expire". These expressions are defined in Appendix A to this notice).
- If the land includes any land in which there is a minor tenancy or a long tenancy which is about to expire, the right of entry will not be exercisable in respect of that land unless, after serving a notice to treat in respect of that tenancy, the Council having served on every occupier of any of the land in which the tenancy subsists a notice stating that, at the end of a specified period (at least 14 days from the date of the service of the notice) they intend to enter upon and take possession of the land specified in the notice, and that period has expired: the vesting of the land will then be subject to the tenancy until that period expires, or the tenancy comes to an end, whichever happens first.
- Schedule 1 to the Act contains supplementary provisions as to general vesting declarations. These provisions are set out in Appendix B to this notice.
- A copy of the general vesting declaration to which this notice refers and of the plan annexed to the declaration can be inspected at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY (tel: 01303 853000 and may be seen during their normal opening hours and are also placed on its website at [www.shepway.gov.uk](http://www.shepway.gov.uk).
- Electronic copies of the Order as confirmed by the Secretary of State and of the map referred to will be provided upon request. Please contact the Legal department at the Council (email: [estelle.culligan@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:estelle.culligan@shepway.gov.uk)) to request copies.

**SCHEDULE  
LAND COMPRISED IN THE ORDER  
AS CONFIRMED  
LAND TO BE ACQUIRED**

- All interests in Dunstall Lane, other than those of the acquiring authority and any adjoining owners rights, over the land outlined in red and delineated number 1 on the plan annexed to the said Order.
- All interests in the land known as land on the West Side of Dymchurch Road St Mary's Bay outlined in red and hatched red and delineated number 2 on the plan annexed to the said Order.

**APPENDIX A  
COMPULSORY PURCHASE  
(VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981**

**2. Interpretation and construction**

- "minor tenancy" means a tenancy for a year or from year to year, or any lesser interest.
- "long tenancy which is about to expire", in relation to a general vesting declaration, means a tenancy granted for an interest greater than a minor tenancy, but having on the Vesting Date a period still to run which is not more than the specified period (that is to say, such period, longer than one year, as may for the purposes of this definition be specified in the declaration in relation to the land in which the tenancy subsists).

In determining what period a tenancy still has to run on the Vesting Date it shall be assumed:

- that the tenant will exercise any option to renew the tenancy, and will not exercise any option to terminate the tenancy, then or thereafter available to him; and
- that the landlord will exercise any option to terminate the tenancy then or thereafter available to him.

**APPENDIX B  
COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS)  
ACT 1981  
SCHEDULE 1 - DIVIDED LAND  
PART I BUILDINGS AND GARDENS ETC.**

- In This Part of this Schedule-  
"notice of objection to severance" means a notice under paragraph 2(1) below, "land proposed to be severed" means land in respect of which notice of objection to severance is served.
- (1) If a general vesting declaration comprises part only of-  
(a) any house, building or factory, or  
(b) a park or garden belonging to a house,  
any person who is able to sell the whole of the house, building, factory, park or garden may by notice served on the acquiring authority require them to purchase his interest in the whole.  
(2) Except as provided by paragraph 10 below, a notice under this paragraph shall not have effect if it is served more than 28 days after the date on which notice under section 6 of this Act is served on the person giving notice under this paragraph.  
(3) Section 8(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (which makes other provision for objection to severance of buildings, gardens etc.) shall not apply to land in respect of which a general vesting declaration is made.
- Where notice of objection to severance is served within the time allowed in accordance with paragraph 2(2) above then notwithstanding section 8 of this Act-  
(a) the interest in respect of which the notice is served shall not vest in the acquiring authority, and  
(b) if he is entitled to possession of the land, the acquiring authority shall not be entitled to enter upon or taken possession of it, until the notice has been disposed of in accordance with the following provisions of this Schedule.  
(1) Within 3 months after a person has served on an acquiring authority a notice of objection to severance, this authority shall either-  
(a) serve notice on him withdrawing the notice to treat deemed to have been served on him in respect of his interest in the land proposed to be severed, or  
(b) serve notice on him that the general vesting declaration shall have effect, in relation to his interest in the land proposed to be severed, as if the whole of that land had been comprised in the declaration (and in the compulsory purchase order, if part only of that land was comprised in that order), or  
(c) refer the notice of objection to severance to the [Upper Tribunal] 1 and notify him that it has been so referred.  
(2) Sub-paragraph (1)(a) above has effect notwithstanding section 7(3) of this Act.
- If the acquiring authority do not take action in accordance with paragraph 4 above within the period allowed by that paragraph then at the end of that period they shall be deemed to have acted in accordance with sub-paragraph (1)(a) of that paragraph.
- Where in accordance with paragraph 4 or paragraph 5 above the notice to treat deemed to have been served in respect of a person's interest in the land proposed to be severed is withdrawn, or is deemed to have been withdrawn-  
(a) that interest shall not vest in the acquiring authority by virtue of the general vesting declaration, and  
(b) if he is entitled to possession of that land, the acquiring authority shall not be entitled by virtue of that declaration to enter upon or take possession of it.
- Where an acquiring authority take action in accordance with paragraph 4(1)(b) above, the general vesting declaration (and, where applicable, the compulsory purchase order) shall have effect as mentioned in that subparagraph, whether apart from this Part of this Schedule the acquiring authority could have been authorised to acquire the interest in question in the whole of the land proposed to be severed or not.
- (1) Where in accordance with paragraph 4(1)(c) above an acquiring authority refer a notice of objection to severance to the [Upper Tribunal] 1, and on that reference the Tribunal determines that the part of the land proposed to be severed which is comprised in the general vesting declaration can be taken-  
(a) in the case of a house, building or factory, without material detriment, or  
(b) in the case of a park or garden, without seriously affecting the amenity or convenience of the house, paragraph 3 above shall thereupon cease to have effect in relation to that notice.  
(2) In making a determination under this paragraph in any of the cases in sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b) above the Tribunal shall take into account not only the effect of the severance but also the use to be made of the part proposed to be acquired and, in a case where the part is proposed to be acquired for works or other purposes extending to other land, the effect of the whole of the works and the use to be made of the other land.
- (1) If on such a reference the [Upper Tribunal] 1 does not make a determination in accordance with paragraph 8 above, the Tribunal shall determine the area of that land (being the whole of it or a part of it which includes the part comprised in the general vesting declaration) which the acquiring authority ought to be required to take; and the general vesting declaration shall have effect, in relation to the interest in that area of the person who served the notice of objection to severance, as if the whole of that area had been comprised in the general vesting declaration, whether apart from this Part of this Schedule the acquiring authority could have been authorised to acquire that interest in the whole of that area or not.  
(2) Where sub-paragraph (1) above applies, and part of the area determined by the [Upper Tribunal] 1 was not comprised in the compulsory purchase order, the general vesting declaration shall have effect as mentioned in that sub-paragraph as if the whole of that area had been comprised in the compulsory purchase order as well as in the declaration.
- (1) Where in accordance with paragraph 2(1) above a person is entitled to serve a notice of objection to severance, and it is proved-  
(a) that he never received the notice required by section 6 of this Act to be served on him, or received that notice less than 28 days before, or on or after, the date on which the period specified in the general vesting declaration expired, and  
(b) that a notice of objection to severance served by him was served not more than 28 days after the date on which he first had knowledge of the execution of the general vesting declaration,  
that notice shall have effect notwithstanding that it is served after the time allowed in accordance with paragraph 2(2) above has expired.  
(2) Where in the circumstances specified in sub-paragraph (1) above, a person served a notice of objection to severance after the end of the period specified in the general vesting declaration,-  
(a) paragraphs 3 and 6 above shall not have effect in relation to that notice.  
(b) paragraph 4 above shall have effect in relation to that notice as if sub-paragraph (1)(a) of that paragraph were omitted,  
(c) paragraph 5 above shall have effect in relation to that notice with the substitution, for the words "sub-paragraph (1)(a)", of the words "sub-paragraph (1)(b)", and (c) paragraph 8 above shall not have effect in relation to that notice, but without prejudice to the making by the Tribunal of any such determination as is mentioned in that paragraph.

**Part II - RENTCHARGES AND TENANCIES**

- (1) Where land specified in a general vesting declaration is, together with other land not so specified, charged with a rentcharge, such proportion of the rentcharge as may be apportioned under section 18 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 to the first-mentioned land shall, subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, be treated as having been extinguished by virtue of Part III of this Act on the vesting of that land in an acquiring authority under that Part.  
(2) Where by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) above a portion of the rentcharge is treated as having been extinguished, the provisions of section 18 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 shall have effect as if the extinguishment had taken place under that section.  
(3) If, in the circumstances described in sub-paragraph (1) above, the person entitled to the rent charge and the owner of the land subject there to enter into an agreement to that effect, the said section 18 shall have effect as if, at the time of the vesting of the land in the acquiring authority under Part III of this Act, the person entitled to the rentcharge had released that land from the rentcharge on the condition mentioned in subsection (2) of that section; and in that case no part of the rentcharge shall be treated as having been extinguished as regards the remaining part of the land charged therewith.  
(4) In this paragraph "rentcharge" has the same meaning as in section 18 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965.
- Where land specified in a general vesting declaration is, together with other land not so specified, comprised in a tenancy for a term of years unexpired, section 19 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 shall have effect in relation thereto as if for references to the time of the apportionment of rent therein mentioned there were substituted references to the time of vesting of the tenancy in the acquiring authority.

Signature:  
On behalf of:  
Shepway District Council  
Date: 13/9/12



**THE SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(ST PAULS DOCKYARD CHURCH)  
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2012  
COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND KNOWN  
AS ST PAULS DOCKYARD  
CHURCH NAVAL TERRACE SHEERNESS KENT**

Notice is hereby given that Swale Borough Council has made the Swale Borough Council (St Pauls Dockyard Church) Compulsory Purchase Order 2012 under section 47 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. It is about to submit this order to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport for confirmation and if confirmed, the order will authorise Swale Borough Council to purchase compulsorily the land described below for the purpose of preserving the listed building.

A copy of the order and of the accompanying map may be seen at all reasonable hours at Swale Borough Council Planning Reception, Floor 2 Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT.

Any objection to the order must be made in writing to Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport FAO Andy Doidge, Heritage Protection Team, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London, SW1Y 5DH before 10th October 2012 and should state the title of the order, the grounds of objection and the objector's address and interests in the land.

**DESCRIPTION OF LAND**

One parcel of land of 0.8 hectares comprising the property known as St Pauls Dockyard Church Naval Terrace Sheerness Kent including the hard standing, the green and the avenue of trees.

**Abdool Kara**  
Chief Executive

Date 4th September 2012

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
PLANNING PERMISSION  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010  
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13**

**KCC/SH/0323/2012 - Proposed development at  
Units A & B Highfield Industrial Estate, Bradley  
Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 6DD**

Cube Metal Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for change of use from light industry to recycled ferrous and non-ferrous waste metal transfer unit.

You may view this application at Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY.

Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications](http://www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications) or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the District Council website.

**Sharon Thompson**  
Head of Planning  
Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
Dated: 23 September 2012



**PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES**

**Goods Vehicle  
Operator's Licence**

999 Logistics Limited of Shelmerdene Commercial Yard, Addington Green, Addington, Kent. ME19 5BE is applying for a licence to use Shelmerdene Commercial Yard, Addington Green, Addington, Kent. ME19 5BE as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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City Council**

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**Colin Carmichael**  
Chief Executive  
Canterbury City Council  
Military Road  
Canterbury CT1 1YW



The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

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**12/02423/FUL**      **The Malt House Dorothy Avenue, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**  
- Demolition of existing wood-mill and erection of three new dwellings (LB)

**12/02547/EI/AMJ Kent And Sussex Hospital Mount Ephraim, Culverden**  
- Redevelopment of the former Kent and Sussex Hospital site. 200 dwellings, 43 Senior Living apartments, offices, Primary school, open space, access and parking(CA)(DEVPLN)(EIA)(LB)(MAJOR)

**12/02374/LBC**      **Slip Mill Cottage Slip Mill Lane, Hawkhurst**  
- Listed Building Consent: Demolition of existing rear toilet; new single storey side extension; roof extension; dormer to side (north) elevation; rear conservatory (LB)

**12/02529/HOUSE Gate House Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden**  
- Demolition of three detached garages and removal of porch. Two single storey extensions and a first floor extensions and alterations. Provision of replacement garage (LB)

**12/02513/HOUSE**      **47 & 49 Claremont Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Extensions, alterations & repairs to Claremont Lodge (49) & Chase Cottage (47). Claremont Lodge - Demolition of garages & store (1930's) on two levels and replacement with single storey

**12/02517/LBC**      **47 & 49 Claremont Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**  
**12/02517/Building Consent:** Extensions, alterations & repairs to Claremont Lodge (49) & Chase Cottage (47), Claremont Lodge - Demolition of garages & store (1930's) on two levels and replacement with single storey orangery and garage extension , and pitched roof to two storey 1930s rear extension, removal of 1930s basement steps, replacement with single storey kitchen extension, other roof alterations and repairs, basement alterations and repairs. Chase Cottage (47) - Demolition of 1930s rear extension and replacement with single storey extension, and storey side extension, of street parking bay. Both properties - internal alterations to 1930's work including demolition within 1930s two storey rear extension to eliminate flying freehold (LB)

12/02502/EU Cowbeech Farm Back Road Sandhu

**12/02340/HOUSE**      **The Lodge Pembury Road, Sherwood**  
- Single storey side extension (CA)

**12/02524/HOUSE**      **8 Sheffield Road Southborough, Southborough Town Council**  
- Single-storey side extension and velux window on front roof (CA)

**12/02536/HOUSE      40 St James Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, St James**  
- Single storey side extension and addition of window to rear lower ground floor (CA)

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk)), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

Jonathan MacDonald  
Regeneration and Sustainability Director  
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS  
Dated: 22 September 2012

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**MA/12/0935/N** - MADAM TAYLORS COTTAGES, OTHAM STREET, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8RP - Listed building consent for the alteration of kitchen window to french doors. **Reason: 3, 4**

**MA/12/1405/N** - 6, RUMWOOD COURT, SUTTON ROAD, LANGLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3NN - Retrospective listed building consent for the erection of satellite dish. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/1579/N** - OLD FORGE FARM, OLD FORGE LANE, STOCKBURY, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 7RY  
- Proposed conversion of existing ancillary workshop building to form studio and sleeping accommodation  
ancillary to main house. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1608/N** - FAITH HOUSE, 2, ST FAITHS STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1LL - Change of use of first, second and third floors from offices to form 13 residential apartments with extensions and external alterations. **Reason: 1, 2, 6**

**MA/12/1633/S** - DUCKHURST FARM, CLAPPER LANE, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0JW - Conversion of oasthouse and barn to two residential dwellings with associated alterations. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1654/S** - COURT LODGE, LOWER ROAD, WEST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0PD - An application for a new planning permission to replace MA/09/1126 (An application for listed building consent for change of use of 'cow house' into ancillary residential accommodation for 'Court Lodge').

**MA/12/1655/N** - OLD FORGE FARM, OLD FORGE LANE, STOCKBURY, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 7RY  
- Application for listed building consent for a proposed conversion of existing ancillary workshop building to form studio and sleeping accommodation ancillary to main house. **Reason: 3**

### Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **7th October 2012** quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 23rd September 2012



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## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY &amp; VILLAGE GREENS

**PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981  
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW15 AND AW15B CHARING  
PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP  
AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

The above named Order made on 06 September 2012 under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 will extinguish:-

- the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AW15 which commences at its connection with Church Hill (C92) at NGR TQ 92543 49244 (Point B) and runs in a south south westerly direction for 156 metres to its connection with Egerton Road (C144) at NGR TQ 92495 49095 (Point D).
- the entire width of that length of Public Footpath numbered AW15B which commences at its connection with Church Hill (C92) at NGR TQ 92620 49244 (Point C) and runs in a south westerly direction for 166 metres to its connection with Egerton Road (C144) at NGR TQ 92495 49095 (Point D).

As shown on the Order Plan. All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

**Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Sonia Coventry at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: 01622 221512) (email: sonia.coventry@kent.gov.uk) before 22 October 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.**

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

**PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981  
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW15A CHARING  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND  
STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

The above named Order made on 06 September 2012 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AW15A which commences at its connection with Egerton Road (C144) at NGR TQ 92593 49104 (Point A) and runs in a north north westerly direction for approximately 150 metres to its connection with Church Hill (C92) at NGR TQ 92543 49245 (Point B) and will add a new length of public footpath numbered AW15A, with a width of 2 metres, which commences at its connection with Egerton Road (C144) at NGR TQ 92593 49104 (Point A) and runs in a north north easterly direction for 105 metres to its connection with Church Hill (C92) at NGR TQ 92620 49206 (Point C). As shown on the Order Plan.

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If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

**PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER**

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH EB12 IN DOVER**

**PUBLIC FOOTPATH EB12  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984,  
SECTION 14(j), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath EB12, between Melbourne Avenue and the junction with the Roman Road (NGR TR 316 435) from 10th September 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 1st November 2012.

The path is to be closed to enable the completion of surface improvements and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

No alternative route is available.

For detailed enquiries please contact Colin Finch

**PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981  
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH KH210 (PART) HOLLINGBOURNE  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND  
STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

The above named Order made on 06 September 2012 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered KH210 which commences to the rear of Glebelands at NGR TQ 84466 55156 (Point A) and runs in a north easterly direction for 171 metres to its connection with the Pilgrims Way at NGR TQ 84582 55276 (Point C) and will add a new length of public footpath numbered KH210, which commences to the rear of Glebelands at NGR TQ 84466 55156 (Point A) and runs in south easterly direction for 3.5 metres to NGR TQ 84468 55154 (Point B). The path then turns and runs in a north easterly direction for 93 metres, thence in an east south easterly direction for 1.5 metres to NGR TQ 84535 55220 (Point D) and thence in a north easterly direction for 77 metres to its connection with the Pilgrims Way at NGR TQ 84587 55276 (Point E). As shown on the Order Plan.

The new length of public footpath has a width of 2 metres except where the width is restricted to a width of 1.5 metres for a distance of 4 metres at NGR TQ 84468 55153 (Point B).

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**PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE**

**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH KM4 IN THE PARISH OF TESTON**

**PUBLIC FOOTPATH KM4  
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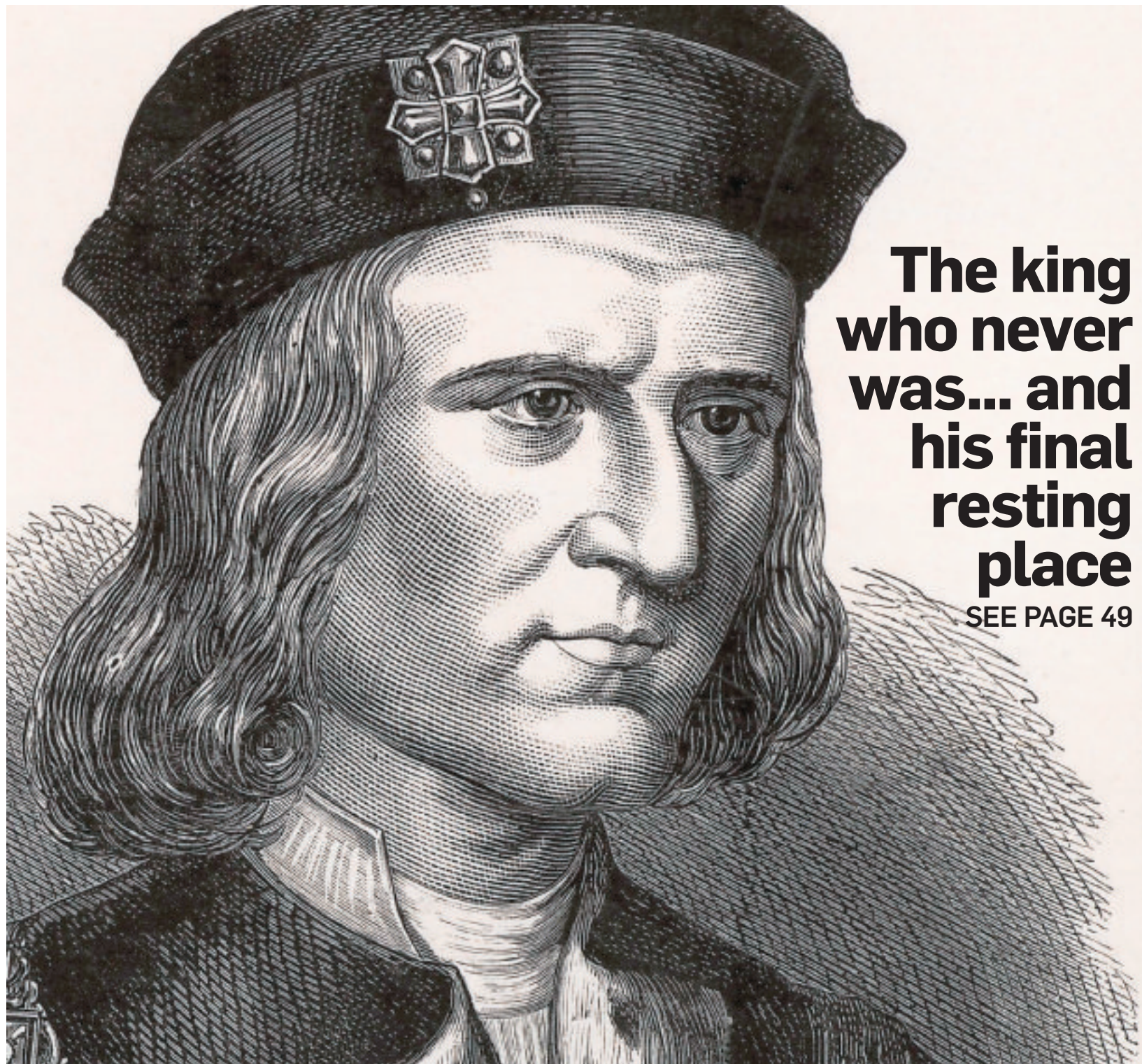


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## ROYAL MYSTERY

# Is this the lost tomb of legend?

**Nick Ames** discovers what could be the grave of Richard Plantagenet

**A**S DNA tests take place on the newly-discovered remains that could be those of King Richard III, we can reveal that a long-lost tomb in the Kent countryside may be the last resting place of his son – a man who could have ruled the realm but for one battle.

In the grounds of a ruined church near Ashford, a grave inscribed with the words “Richard Plantagdnnet 1550” lies, covered in the ivy of ages, by the shores of a lake.

Romantic legend has long associated Eastwell Manor with the last survivor of the family of King Richard, who is reputed to have lived his life in anonymity after his father's defeat by Henry Tudor at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

Ironically, red roses, the emblem of Henry, now blossom close to the picturesque burial site in beautiful countryside close to the Pilgrims Way – a far cry from the possible burial place of his father, the defeated monarch, under a Leicester car park.

The story of Richard – a man who, although illegitimate, could have been King of England – was first written down in a letter in 1733 by a man named Thomas Brett, a collector of myths and legends. Roaming the Kent countryside, he encountered the following tale...

In 1545 the Lord of the Manor, Sir Thomas Moyle, was supervising building work when he noticed a quiet elderly man called Richard.

While the other workmen drank or played dice, he read a book. While this was unusual for a man of his class at the time, more astonishingly, the volume was in Latin, the language of clerics and royalty.

Sir Thomas questioned the old man and discovered that originally Richard had no idea who his parents were and had been brought up by a schoolmaster. But every so often a distinguished-looking stranger would ride into the estate and check on his progress. Then, when Richard was in his mid-teens, the mystery man arrived and asked him to go on a journey.

The two rode to a camp filled with knights and men-at-arms preparing for battle and were taken into an ornate pavilion. The young man



**EVIDENCE:** The name Richard Plantagdnnet can be read on a tomb in a forgotten Kentish churchyard

was then presented to a person in authority who is reputed to have said: “I am your father. If we win tomorrow's battle, I will acknowledge you and provide for you. But if I am captured or killed, we will not meet again and for your own safety you must never speak of this.”

Presumably bewildered, the young Richard reputedly replied: “Who are you, sir?”

“Today I am Richard, King of England. Tomorrow, who knows?” was the reply.

The following day, Richard died on the battlefield and his son retired into anonymity to become a stonemason's apprentice on the estate where he had been brought up.

Hearing the tale, Sir Thomas honoured the man who could have been his king by having a cottage built for him – this is now long gone. After Richard's death, he provided the tomb.

The initial account was contained in a book published in 1735 by a man named Francis Peck and entitled *Desiderata Curiosa*.

The parish register of Eastwell contains an entry that states: “Rychard Plantagenet was buried the xxij day of Desember, Anno ut supra.” Next to the name is a mark believed to denote a person of aristocratic birth. The Latin phrase, which means “In the year above”, refers to the 1550 at the top of the page and

there is no suggestion the document is a fake.

The register itself is believed to date from 1598 and be the work of the vicar of the time, Josias Nicholls, who copied entries from existing documents after a church order across England that all records be copied into vellum books.

The original register no longer exists and the copy is now part of the National Archives.

Richard himself is said to have died at the age of 81 and the story was kept in circulation by members of the Finch family, who took over the estate.

In 1861 a scholar named John Heneage Jesse investigated the reign of a man who was then regarded as one of the greatest villains of English literature, courtesy of William Shakespeare, who was writing at a time when King Henry's descendent Elizabeth I was on the throne.

Heneage's *Memoirs of King Richard III* states: “Anciently, when any person of noble family was interred at Eastwell, it was the custom to affix a special mark against the name of the deceased in the register of burials. The fact is a significant one, that this aristocratic symbol is prefixed to the name of Richard Plantagenet. At Eastwell his story still excites curiosity and interest... A well in Eastwell Park still bears his



name (there is no corroborating evidence for this); tradition points to an uninscribed tomb in Eastwell Church (the name has been concealed in the past through overgrown vegetation) as his last resting place; and lastly, the very handwriting which, more than three centuries ago, recorded his interment is still in existence.”

St Mary's Church, Eastwell, is a ruin and a sign on its walls states it is in the care of The Redundant Churches Trust, with the land still consecrated. The nave is destroyed, but the tower and some walls remain.

According to a work entitled *Kent Churches*, published in 1954, the building fell into disrepair after damage during the Second World War and when the roof collapsed in 1951 much of the glass and fabrics were taken to other places of worship.

Some of the stonework and tombs were taken to the Victoria and Albert Museum and put into storage after being declared to be of historical significance. But, oddly, the Richard Plantagenet tomb was left in situ.

The *Ricardian*, a magazine dedicated to all things Richard III, reaches the conclusion: “It is true to say though, that there is no evidence that the full legend is true. There is also none that it is untrue.”

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There is no point avoiding the subject – Christmas is on its way and all we can do is plan for its imminent arrival... jingling bells and all.

It is always around the holiday season that the old slogan "a dog is for life, not just for Christmas" rears its snowflake-covered head, but this year let's go beyond that seasonal

reminder and give man's – or woman's – best friend a little extra yuletide thought.

If you're planning to head off for a short break to see family elsewhere in the UK or are lucky enough to squeeze in a Christmas skiing holiday, don't just leave the feline with the neighbours.

There are options to send your furry friend on a holiday of its own to a loving home at a cattery in Kent where it will receive loving care during your winter break.

If you're not in the habit of getting away at Christmas, and the family pet really is centre of attention, why not go the whole hog and get a portrait done of your loved ones?

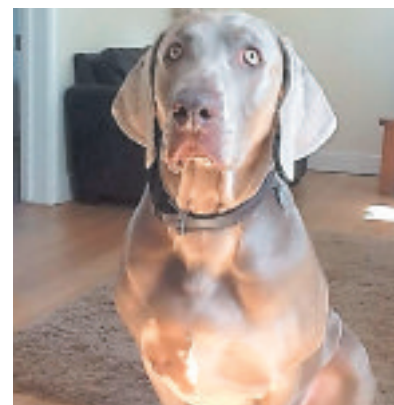
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Pets are a big part of our lives in the UK and their well-being can be a concern, especially during the

Christmas period when you may be unable to reach a vet during bank-holiday times.

A good idea is to book a check-up with your veterinary service before the Christmas season takes full effect and avoid any costly problems during the holiday period.

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# FOOD & DRINK

## Flavours of Kent

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# A carnivore's dream but fight any temptation to bite the waitress

**B**REAKFAST might be the most important meal of the day for us Brits, but that shouldn't mean dinner is dismissed as a routine necessity.

If anything, it should be savoured, with the day's stresses behind you and the chance to just stop and wind down.

It certainly shouldn't be rushed and – if we take a leaf out of our Continental neighbours' book – it should be seen as a social occasion.

So, to be sat in a restaurant at 10.30pm with the distinct feeling you're holding up the waitress – from either going home to bed or perhaps hitting the town with friends – is not good. Especially on a Friday night.

The Sixty Six Steakhouse is a great restaurant. One stropky waitress shouldn't tarnish its reputation and the rest of the waiting staff and the owner were friendly and attentive, even to the point of giving me a tour of the new establishment. And it is lovely, with smart décor, a rustic clay oven and paintings from a local artist on the walls. The menu is also packed with great dishes – a carnivore's dream.

I chose the scallops with black pudding, horseradish potato purée and mustard sauce and my guest the whitebait with salad and ciabatta. Both were delicious and the scallops

## RESTAURANT REVIEW



perfectly cooked. For our mains we chose the rack of ribs with a mustard sauce and 10oz ribeye steak with a peppercorn sauce.

These days, it seems to be all about plates of barely-there food – artistic creations no more than the size of your palm using exquisite ingredients costing more than the waiting staff.

So it was a treat to see a plate of food that would test Desperate Dan. The sight of the glistening ribs in sticky sauce was glorious, as was my guest's huge steak. Our plates of meat came with side orders: onion rings, fondant potatoes, vegetables and thrice-cooked chips.

The portions were slightly on the small side for the price of £3.20 each and the chips were more greasy than crunchy, but the meat was so delicious that all was forgiven.

At this point, it was getting on to about 10.30pm, not that late for a Friday night.

Our friendly waiter from earlier was replaced by another, who didn't seem impressed when we asked for the dessert menu. We ignored this and chose the Sixty Six Mess – a delicious bowlful of calorie-busting 'mess', full of cream, raspberries and other delights mixed together in a bowl... far from refined but tasty.

My guest chose the white-chocolate cheesecake. Now I love salty food, absolutely adore it, but this was far too salty. We needed a coffee to wash down the delicious/salty desserts, but this was not appreciated by our new waitress, who practically huffed as we placed our order. OK, so it was closing on 11pm, but we'd sat down late to eat. Our meal at The Sixty Six Steakhouse was delicious minus the salty cheesecake, and the atmosphere lovely minus the surly waitress. The bill came to £72.

Marijke Cox

■ The Sixty Six Steakhouse  
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The log-fire crackles away in the bar, the restaurant is decked out in traditional Christmas garb, the frost glistens in the surrounding fields and the smells from the kitchen are too tempting for words.

Open seven nights a week for evening meals, Elvey celebrates everything Kentish. Lamb comes from the sheep on a neighbouring farm; game from the fields; and fruit and veg from local suppliers. Everything is fresh, home-made and hearty. The team has launched a lunch menu with a reasonably-priced table d'hôte menu from Wednesday to Sunday.

Elvey Farm is now taking bookings for Christmas parties for groups of eight to 40 people throughout December, with Christmas lunches at £15 for three courses and Christmas dinners at £28 for three courses.

■ **Elvey Farm, Elvey Lane, Pluckley TN27 0SU (phone 01233 840442, website www.elveyfarm.co.uk)**

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www.theredlion.org

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**Dessert:** Pecan pie.

**ELVEY FARM:** 01233 840 442

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**Starter:** Green bean, artichoke and wild mushroom salad – great on a hot summer's day, with a glass of rosé on the rocks.

**Main:** Corn-fed chicken, green vegetable broth, braised baby gems, Jersey royals – a nice light dish, good for friends.

**Dessert:** Biddenden pink sparkling jellies, mixed seasonal fruit with basil syrup – an easy dessert that uses local fruit.

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**ROARING SUCCESS:** The Red Lion is offering its new 'Kent-only' menu three nights a week

## New season, new menu at the Lion

THE Red Lion is a picturesque 14th-century pub on the green in the small village of Hernhill, near Faversham.

Shrouded in history, the pub still contains many original features. The popular watering hole and restaurant offers a selection of traditional English food alongside the frequently-changing seasonal specials.

Facilities include an upstairs restaurant, available for dining and large functions, as well as a front patio overlooking the beautiful church and village green.

There is also a well-established pub garden with many historical features and a large play area for children and families to enjoy.

The team is known for its traditional Sunday roast, at which diners can choose between one course at £10.50, two at £13.50 or three courses at £15.50.

You can choose from a selection of meats served with all the trimmings. Sunday lunch runs from noon until 9pm.

There is a busy steak night on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with good deals on offer, while there is also a pensioners' special every

Wednesday lunchtime.

The à la carte menu is served daily from Monday through to Saturday from noon to 2.30pm and 6pm-9pm.

The team has now also opened its new Taste of Kent-themed restaurant upstairs in the newly-refurbished restaurant area.

The new menu sources all of its produce from within a two-mile radius of the Hernhill pub, excluding fish, which is landed at Ramsgate harbour.

The Taste of Kent menu is available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings and booking is advised if you're to guarantee a table.

There are also varied events for everyone at The Red Lion, including a psychic evening on Thursday, October 4, starting at 7pm. Look out for the weekly yoga classes every Monday evening from 8.30pm.

There will be plenty of live music on Sundays during the run-up to Christmas.

■ **The Red Lion, Church Hill, Hernhill, Faversham ME13 9JR (phone 01227 751207, website www.theredlion.org, email enquiries@theredlion.org)**

## Across the county

## Dancing to a new beat... but Mama still brings the tea

MAMA Feelgoods is well known for its home-made cakes and afternoon teas at its boutique café in Bekesbourne and recently-opened café at Quex Park, Birchington.

But now the team is planning to restart that old-fashioned tradition of a tea dance. Owner Maddie said: 'At our café at Quex we have a lovely chandelier-lit dining room and it will make the perfect space for this.'

'Quex Park held a vintage fair earlier this year and we had a swing band in the room – and visitors couldn't resist having a dance.'

Although the tradition of afternoon teas is largely remembered only by our octogenarians, Mama Feelgoods hopes to attract people of all ages. Mama is already in the early stages of planning this and would like people to register their interest on the Mama Feelgoods Facebook site and offer any advice.

One of the things she wants to know is if people would like to start by running some dance-classes first or whether there are plenty of bodies out there just wanting a regular place to move their feet.

If you would like to register your interest, either visit the award-winning fine-food store and café at Bekesbourne or the newly-opened boutique café at Quex Park, or email info@mamafeelgoods.com.

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■ **Chalkpit Farm, School Lane, Bekesbourne CT4 5EU, or Quex Park, Park Lane, Birchington CT7 0BH (phone 01227 830830, website www.mamafeelgoods.com)**



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The Vinodhon restaurant is proud to announce that from Friday, September 21, it will have a five-star professional chef, Mr HR Khan, preparing authentic Indian cuisine.

Mr Khan has more than 25 years' experience at a five-star hotel and is a professionally-trained and qualified chef, specialising in the art of Indian cuisine.

He has been working for more than 16 years with international-standard five-star Oberoi



hotels – India's largest five-star group of hotels – and brings his wealth of skill and knowledge to the popular Vinodhon restaurant.

Diners will be able to experience authentic

Indian fish, duck and seafood dishes to suit all tastes, as well as many other fabulous meals from Mr Khan. However, regular diners to the Vinodhon will still be able to order their favourite dishes as well.

The restaurant is open from midday to 2.30pm and 6.30pm-11.30pm every day and even offers a special banquet night every Tuesday evening.

Watch out for the special Thali night, which will soon have a regular slot on Sunday evenings. It is believed to be the first Thali evening available in the county.

So pop into the Hythe restaurant and sample the spices and flavours of the true taste of India.

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## Taking samba to the beach Brazil style

**Turner Contemporary,  
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September 2012-March 2013  
01843 233000

BRAZILIAN artist Maria Nepomuceno's new installation Tempo para Respirar or Breathing Time will take place in the dramatic double-height Sunley Gallery at Turner Contemporary.

The pieces will bring the energy and colour of Brazil, with its culture, carnivals and dramatic rainforests. Inspired by South American craft techniques, the artist weaves and sews straw, string and coloured ropes into draping coils and flower-like forms.

These materials form a fantastical landscape populated by playful ceramic shapes, shiny over-sized beads and found objects. Visitors can sit amid the work's many colours and textures, hearing the sounds of Nepomuceno's imaginary universe or just relax in a hammock looking out over the sea.



## Partridge pal stepping out Tim Key

**The Gulbenkian, Canterbury**

Sunday, September 23  
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FOLLOWING success with his show The Slutcracker last year, the king of comic poetry Tim Key is back on tour once again, but this time he has brought Masterslut with him.

Still spouting words everywhere, Key has recently cropped up in comedy broadcasts Newswipe, Cowards and We Need Answers. He has also appeared as Alan Partridge's simple sidekick on the Mid Morning Matters internet radio shows.

The comedian won The Edinburgh Comedy Award for his 2009 recital of Slutcracker and was nominated for a Bafta in 2008. His late-night poetry programme on Radio 4 has turned heads in recent times, making him hot property on the UK comedy circuit.



## Warm wartime tunes Hits from the Blitz

**The Granville Theatre, Ramsgate**

Sunday, September 23  
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## A giant of 90s comedy TV Phil Cool

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But it has now been almost 20 years since Cool has been seen on our television screens with Cool It and it is time to renew acquaintance as the comedian takes up his new Battle Against Ageism tour, which heads to The Astor Theatre in Deal next month.

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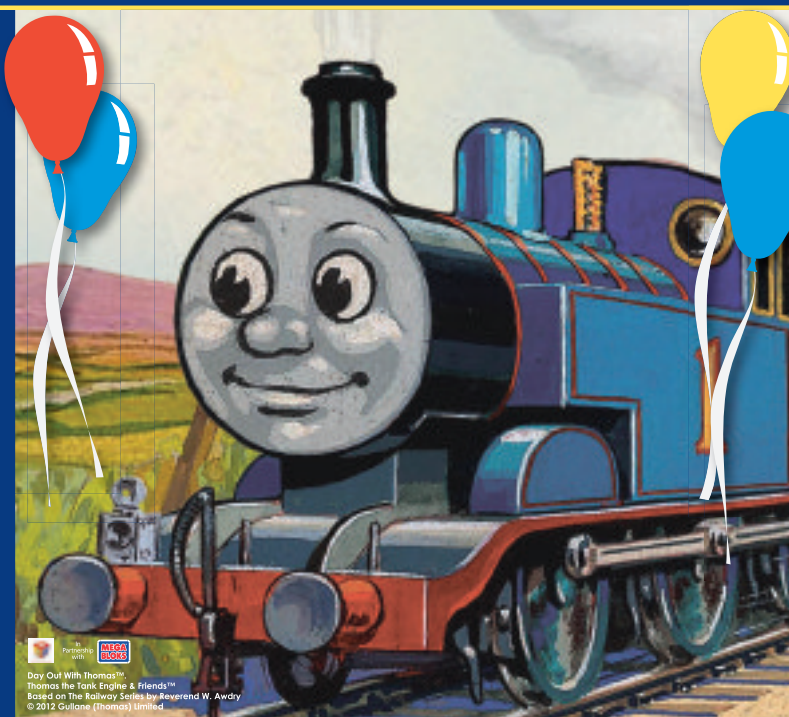
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# Property market stays constant in summer of Olympics and Jubilee

By Nick Ames

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ACTIVITY in the UK housing market was fairly stable during August despite the distraction of the Olympic fortnight and the Jubilee celebrations, according to the latest housing-market survey by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

However, future predictions are not optimistic – surveyors are gloomy about the rest of the year, with 13 per cent expecting further drops in house prices.

In the three months to August, chartered surveyors sold on average 7.5 per cent of the homes on their books per month.

Although this figure is lower than in many previous years – especially those before the economic situation became downbeat – the proportion of sales to stock has remained relatively consistent throughout 2012.

RICS says that in spite of this, with the Olympics having taken

centre stage in the summer, the amount of potential buyers looking to view property saw a slight dip. A net balance of 9 per cent of surveyors reported falls in demand.

Alongside this, the number of new instructions was effectively unchanged on July. With the amount of fresh supply coming on to the market having remained relatively stable so far this year, surveyors report that sales are progressing where vendors are realistic with their asking prices.

Looking ahead, chartered surveyors across the country predict transaction levels to pick up slightly, with 12 per cent of respondents expecting sales to rise rather than fall over the coming three months.

The same cannot be said for future prices, however, with 13 per cent expecting further drops.

"Little changed in the housing market last month," said RICS spokesman Ian Perry. "The Olympics didn't have any real impact on the proportion of sales going

through. The amount of people looking at property fell slightly, but, generally speaking, demand held up well."

Overall, the housing market has struggled since the stamp-duty holiday for first-time buyers was withdrawn at the end of March, and confidence was hit by the weakening economy and the euro-zone debt crisis.

The August report comes as housebuilders have enjoyed a rise in sales and profits, with Barratt Developments set to report stronger profits and unveil a special dividend for shareholders.

There is also wide-ranging regional variation when it comes to house prices, with Kent holding up reasonably well compared with other parts of the country, particularly the North and South West.

Lower- and middle-range-value homes have been affected worse by the slump than high-value properties, which have largely kept their value.



**SOLID:** Despite the distraction of London 2012, the housing market has remained stable

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208 has a lot to live up to as Peugeot's new baby

# Driving

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By Steve Loader

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JUST three months after the arrival of its all-new second generation Ceed hatchback, Kia has launched the estate version.

As distinctive and stylish as its hatch sister, the new Sportswagon label adds to the new-comer's charisma by replacing the uninspiring 'SW' suffix of the old version.

It's a clever car, too; at just over 4.5 metres long, the Sportswagon is more compact than major European brand rivals, and just 15mm longer than the old car, yet offers greater 'luggability' than most of the opposition, with 528 litres up to the load cover with rear seats upright, and 1,642 litres up to the roof with the 60:40 split rear seats folded flat.

The boot floor is also flush with the tailgate opening for easy loading of heavy and bulky items, while rear seats fold completely for a flat load deck – as they should on a decent estate.

There is an underfloor storage compartment too and side load areas, retractable luggage cover, load-securing net hooks, and 12-volt boot-mounted power socket. Roof rails are standard.

So, while it has all of the mainstay hatchback's sportiness, style and technology, the Sportswagon offers more of the practicality and value that made its predecessor a hit for Kia in the UK fleet and business market.

Like the SW, it was designed and engineered in Europe exclusively for Europe and is built at the brand's start-of-the-art Žilina plant in Slovakia.

And there's an air of quality and driving pleasure about the new Ceed range generally, which makes it no surprise to learn that its development was benchmarked in particular against the VW Golf.

Priced from £16,895, rising to £24,795, and also including Kia's unique seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, the Sportswagon is offered with two diesel engines: an 89bhp 1.4-litre CRDi, and a 126bhp 1.6 CRDi with six-speed manual gearboxes.

A six-speed auto is also available on the 1.6, but this does not feature Kia's Intelligent Stop & Go (ISG) fuel-saving, emissions-reducing engine stop/start technology – standard on the manual versions. Stop & Go allows the 1.4-litre model to offer 67.3mpg on the combined cycle and low CO2 emissions of just 109g/km, reducing Benefit-in-Kind taxation to just 15 per cent.

Kia is keen to stress the attention to detail on the car, even down to the way the fuel-filler flap is released: in the Far East and North America, buyers like a separate release lever inside the car, but the new Ceed has the flap linked to the central locking system so that it can be opened with just a push – the way European customers like it.

Generous standard kit includes tilt and telescopic steering wheel adjustment, height-adjustable driver's seat, air con, steering wheel-mounted controls, electric front windows, iPod-compatible sound system and Bluetooth connectivity, plus alloys on all 1.6-litre versions.



KIA CEED SPORTSWAGON

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Image:	★★★★★
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Value:	★★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★★
How green?:	★★★★★
Best rival:	VW Golf

## Clever Kia Sportswagon aims for Golf benchmark



**WAGONS ROLL:** Kia's all-new Ceed Sportswagon replaces the previously uninspiring SW – and is yet another impressive model to the Korean's growing list of quality cars

### DON'T LIKE

...some penny-pinching on the Ceed 2 seats, but then this version does come with a cracking spec including alloys, cruise control and so on.

### NOT SURE

...the Kia badge can yet threaten VW, but the Koreans must be worrying Ford and Vauxhall, and really scaring the French and Japanese.

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# Peugeot 208 – 205's second coming?

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SINCE it launched the 205 supermini in 1983, Peugeot has sought to recreate its allure.

Not just in sales, because its staggering 5.3 million tally was actually topped by its 206 successor's 6.8 million, but also for the halo effect on the French marque itself.

At a stroke, the 205 made the hitherto staid Peugeot seem as chic and progressive as Gallic sister brands Citroën and Renault.

The most recent attempt to recreate this hero was the 207, which sold modestly and brought little lustre to the brand's famous lion emblem.

But its 208 replacement in June could be the second coming that Peugeot and its followers have longed for, delivering both volume and an uplift to the brand's image.

For a start, it's arguably the best looking car in the supermini segment, but this is underpinned by great practicalities: a big cabin for its size; another of those latterday Peugeot quality interiors; and clever powertrains, with the economic/eco-friendly credentials now demanded by buyers.

A lightweight 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engine is the potential star here, offering a road tax exempt 99g/km of CO2 that challenges dearer diesel options with similar tax status.

The 208 also rides well and feels nimble; Peugeot has taken a lot of weight out of the car versus the 207 and all versions I've driven feel grippy and responsive, with the lighter petrol versions best and taking the greater share of sales.

The new car comes in three and five-door configurations, starting at £9,995 for the three-door VTi 68bhp Access model.

With a design that draws younger drivers – consumers who loved the 205 so much – the 208's attractions are enhanced by the brand's innovative 'Just Add Fuel' (208 from £189/month) fixed monthly price lease including insurance. The only extras are fuel costs.

Despite a sub-10 grand entry price, entry trim

## PEUGEOT 208 5-DR FELINE 1.6E-HDI 115 : PRICE £17,845 FACT FILE



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### SMALL BUT PERFECTLY FORMED:

Peugeot's new 208 is arguably the best looking car in the supermini sector, priced at under £10,000 for the entry level models and is available with either three or five doors

level includes electric front windows and, surprisingly, cruise control, but you need to find £850 to trade up to Access + and get air con.

At the other extreme, you get much more, as our £17,845 flagship Feline test car showed, though I question whether "Yeah, I bought a 208 in Feline trim" is something that blokes will shout about when swapping car stories down the pub. So, this trim level may get renamed soon.

I also doubt whether there is yet much call for highly-specc'd superminis, though we are constantly told how people want to to downsize from bigger cars – but keep their toys.

One Feline luxury I really like though is the standard fit Cielo full-length glass roof; this one has little neon lights that come on around the edge at night time – very upmarket, too.

The 208's long wheelbase offers great comfort in the back and the Feline's part leather seats are

good, although the armrest interferes too much with handbrake operation – I folded it up most of the time.

The dashboard design is also a mixed bag. While it is good quality and features an excellent central display, it is the fashion now to wrap the fascia design around into the door trim – neater and making the dash seem further away, thereby suggesting greater roominess.

The 208's dash butts up instead against nasty panels that fit over where the door mirrors are attached.

All models also get steering wheel controls for the sound system, but that means we've lost the 'big pod' steering column arrangement that I thought worked well; shades of VHS v Betamax and a surprising climb down really when the French fought so long against giving up yellow headlamp lenses – remember those?

## First GEAR

### MOTORING NEWS



## An injection of pace hits Mini

BMW has unveiled yet another Mini permutation – its seventh.

This time it's an eye-catching chunky coupé version of the marque's biggest model, the five-door Countryman crossover/SUV. Known as the Paceman, this is a three-door spin-off with a lowered suspension designed to deliver a more dynamic ride and drive.

It goes on sale on March 16, 2013, priced from £18,970.



## Proceed will make it three

KIA unveils the third instalment of its second-generation Ceed family next weekend at the Paris Motor Show – it's the sporty all-new Proceed three-door hatch/coupé.

Peter Schreyer – former Audi designer and now Kia's design chief – said: "You know from a glance this is a car you want to drive, not just own."

The newcomer goes on sale next spring.



## Cheaper price for the Beetle

VW has just made the stylish new generation Beetle £1,400 more affordable by opening order books on two new entry model engines from £15,195.

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# Attraction of traction with less subtraction

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PORSCHE'S unveiling of its all-wheel drive 911 Carrera 4 and 4S models coincides with confirmation the German sporting marque's cars are the UK's slowest depreciators.

A report by Auto Express magazine and trade valuation experts at CAP, shows the 911 Carrera Cabriolet and smaller Boxster roadster will lose less than half their value after three years/30,000 miles – topping analysis of some 40,000 other car models on the UK market.

Not surprisingly, Porsche cites high demand for pre-owned models and their sustainability – around two-thirds of all Porsches ever built are still on the road today.

It's already been quite a year for the marque with the new 911 arriving in late 2011 and the new Boxster in May.

Now there's a new chapter for the latest 911, with the Carrera 4 mini range making its public debut at the Paris Motor Show next weekend in both Coupé and Cabriolet formats.

Priced from £77,924 (Cabriolet from £86,583) they go on sale in the UK in December – 'standard' Porsche 911s start at £71,449.

The newcomers build on the traditional 911 layout of rear engine/rear-wheel drive by gaining an all-wheel drive Porsche Traction Management (PTM) system, for increased grip and power application, road-holding, and performance in all weather conditions.

A new dashboard indicator shows how engine torque or driving power is being shared between the front and rear axles at any moment.



**KEEPING THE FAITH:** Porsche opens a new chapter for its ever-popular 911 with the Carrera 4 mini range which comes in both Coupé and Cabriolet formats

Wider rear wheel arches have been an identifying feature of these all-wheel drive models in previous 911 line-ups, and this is carried over by a 22mm arch extension to accommodate rear tyres that are 10mm wider.

Apart from this and the 4x4 layout, the new Carreras are identical to their rear-driven sisters, sharing the same lightweight aluminium and steel composite body, suspension, engine choices and gearbox options.

The bodywork is up to 65 kilos lighter than the previous car, allowing up to 16 per cent better fuel economy despite a hike in performance.

All versions have a seven-speed manual gearbox as standard, but the company's seven-speed Porsche Doppelkupplung (PDK) twin-clutch automatic transmission is available as an option.

The 911 Carrera 4 entry version's 350bhp 3.4-litre flat-six engine offers 0-62mph in just 4.5 seconds (the Cabriolet needs 4.7) with a top

speed of up to 177mph (Cabriolet 175mph).

The 911 Carrera 4 S has a 400bhp 3.8-litre unit allowing 0-62mph in 4.1 seconds (Cabriolet 4.3 seconds) and a top speed of 186mph (Cabriolet 184mph). A new option on the 911 range is Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC), which controls distance to traffic ahead and vehicle speed and, when ordered with the PDK auto 'box, partners with on-board technology that can help prevent front-end collisions.

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